

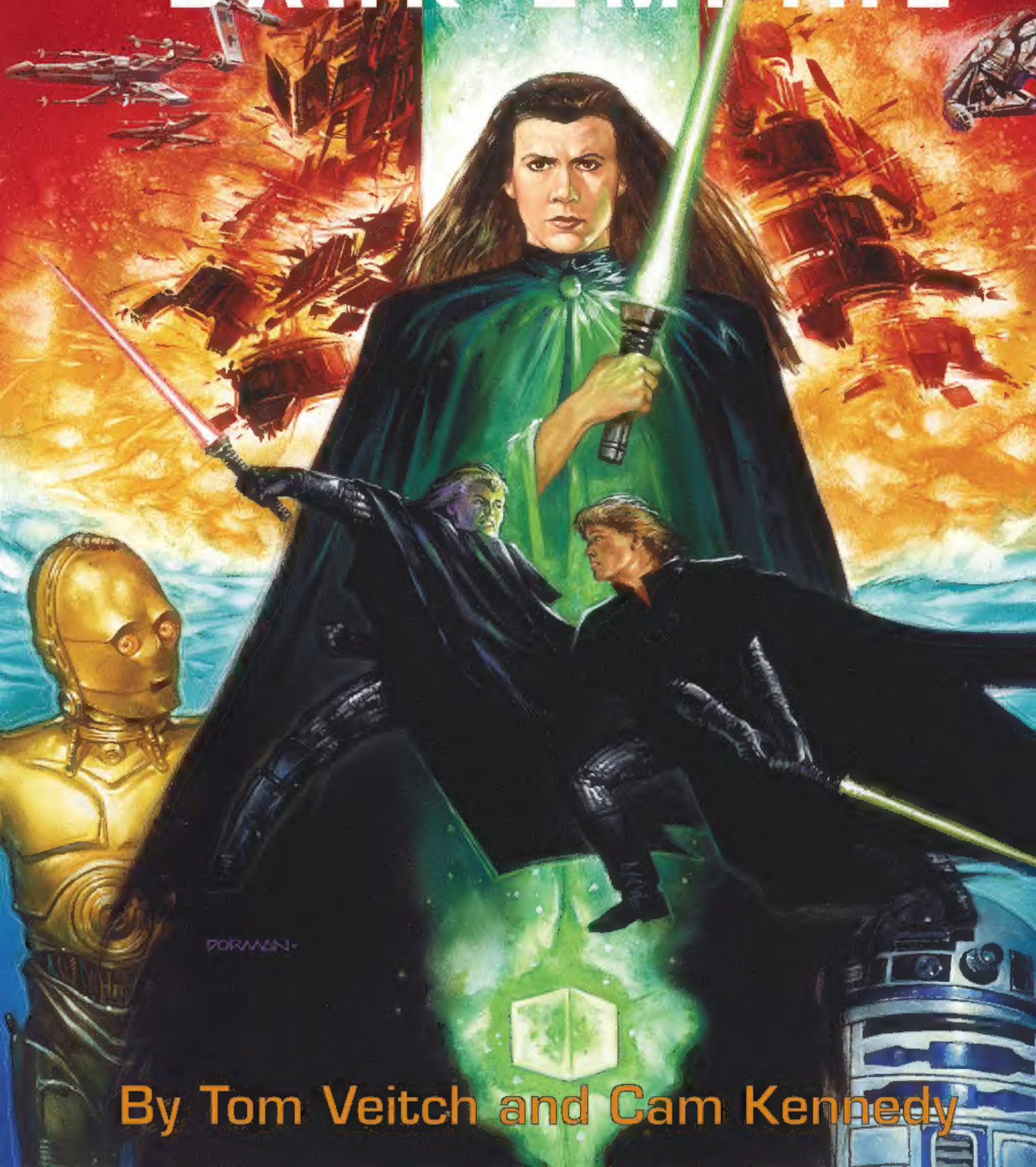


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# BOOK 6: THE FATE OF A GALAXY

Even as the Imperial World Devastators continue to savage the Alliance, Princess Leia and Han Solo succeed in freeing Luke Skywalker and R2-D2 from the clutches of the evil Emperor Palpatine.

During the rescue, Leia captures one of the Emperor's most prized possessions: an ancient artifact called the *Jedi Holocron*. The Holocron is a legendary source of Jedi teaching believed lost for over six hundred years.

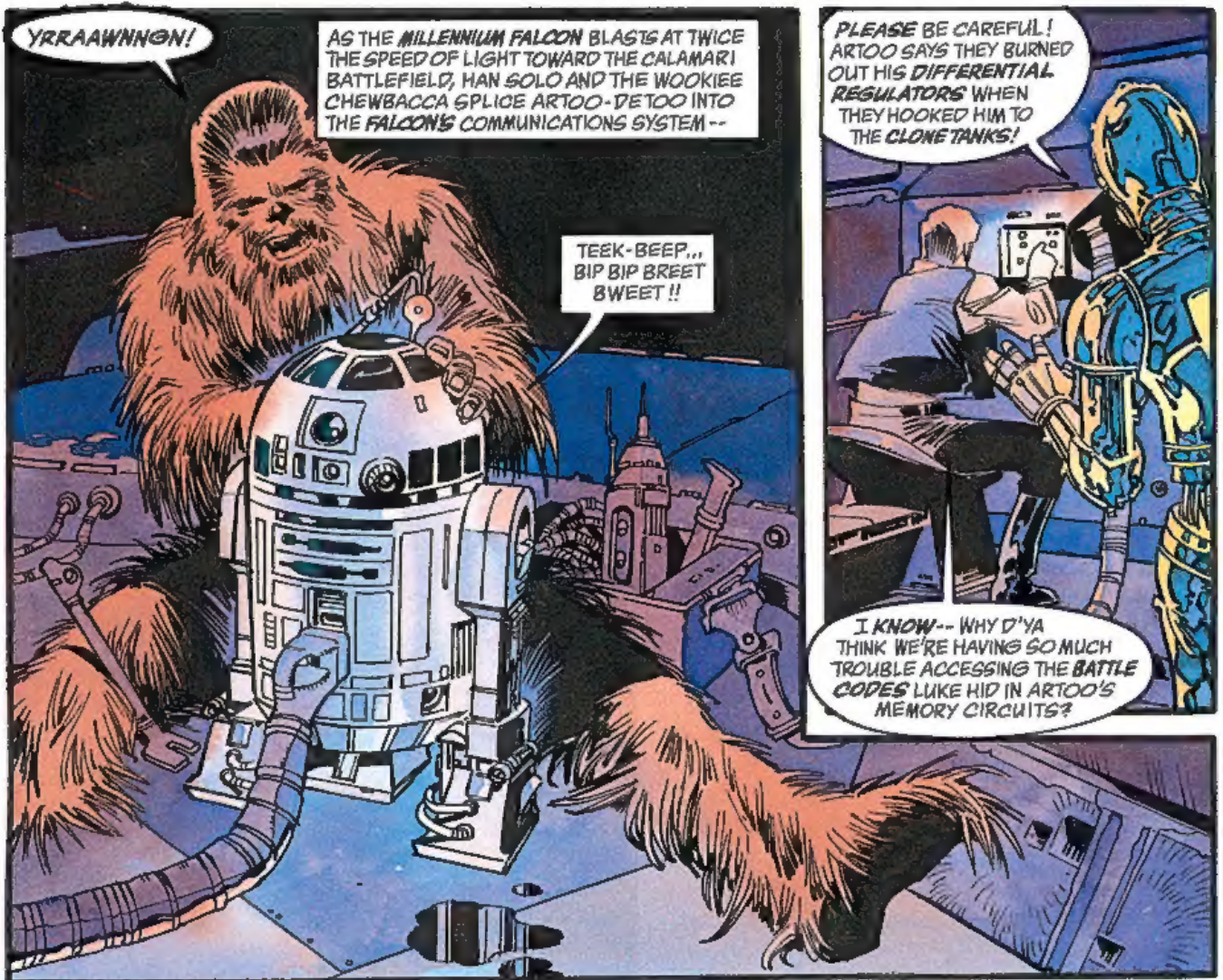
As the heroes of the Rebel Alliance escape through hyperspace aboard the Millennium Falcon, Luke explains that the master control codes to the Emperor's World Devastators are now safely hidden in Artoo's memory banks... *Then Luke vanishes.*

Using the secrets of the Dark Side, Luke has created a doppelganger to trick his friends into leaving him on Byss — where, at that very moment, Luke is confronting the dying despot, and smashing the Emperor's clone tanks with his lightsaber!

But before Luke can finish his dreadful task, the Emperor succeeds in transferring his consciousness to one of his clones, a strong and agile fifteen-year-old!

Filled with Dark Side power, the reborn Emperor engages Luke in a ferocious lightsaber duel — and *wins*. Triumphant over his greatest adversary, the young Emperor vows to find Leia — and the Holocron — and crush the Rebellion once and for all!





YRRAAWNNGN!

AS THE *MILLENNIUM FALCON* BLASTS AT TWICE THE SPEED OF LIGHT TOWARD THE CALAMARI BATTLEFIELD, HAN SOLO AND THE WOOKIEE CHEWBACCA SPLICE ARTOO-DETOO INTO THE *FALCON*'S COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM--

TEEK-BEEP...  
BIP BIP BREET  
BWEET!!

PLEASE BE CAREFUL!  
ARTOO SAYS THEY BURNED  
OUT HIS *DIFFERENTIAL  
REGULATORS* WHEN  
THEY HOOKED HIM TO  
THE *CLONE TANKS*!

I KNOW-- WHY D'YA  
THINK WE'RE HAVING SO MUCH  
TROUBLE ACCESSING THE *BATTLE  
CODES* LUKE HID IN ARTOO'S  
MEMORY CIRCUITS?



OKAY, CHEWIE--READY  
ON THIS END, I HOPE THIS  
WORKS!

BUT SIR,  
I THINK--

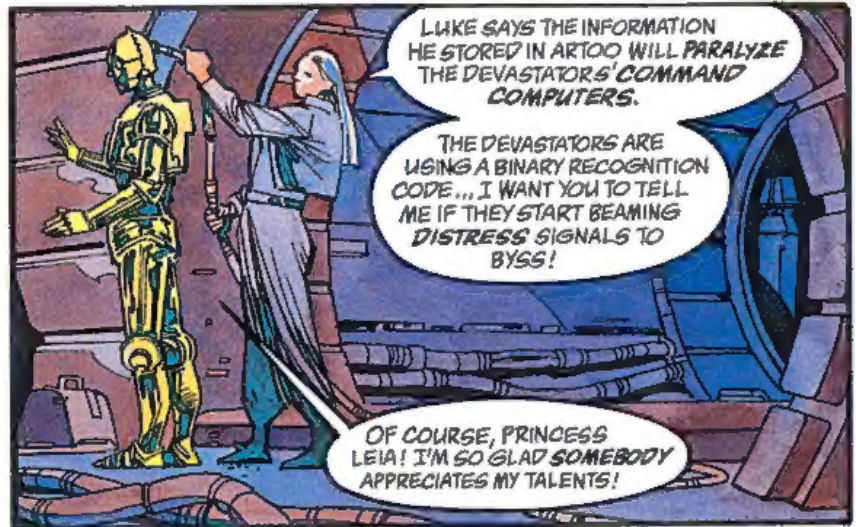


LISTEN, PROFESSOR--IF YOU  
WANT TO DO SOMETHIN' *USEFUL*,  
WHY DON'T YOU MONITOR THE  
NEGATIVE POWER COUPLINGS,  
LIKE I ASKED YOU?

REALLY, SIR...  
THERE'S NO NEED  
TO GET UPSET...  
I WAS JUST  
SAYING--



THREEPIO! COME HERE...I'LL  
PLUG YOU INTO THE *HYPERSPACE  
TRANSPONDER* AND YOU CAN MONITOR  
IMPERIAL TRANSMISSIONS FOR US--



LUKE SAYS THE INFORMATION  
HE STORED IN ARTOO WILL *PARALYZE*  
THE *DEVASTATORS*' *COMMAND  
COMPUTERS*.

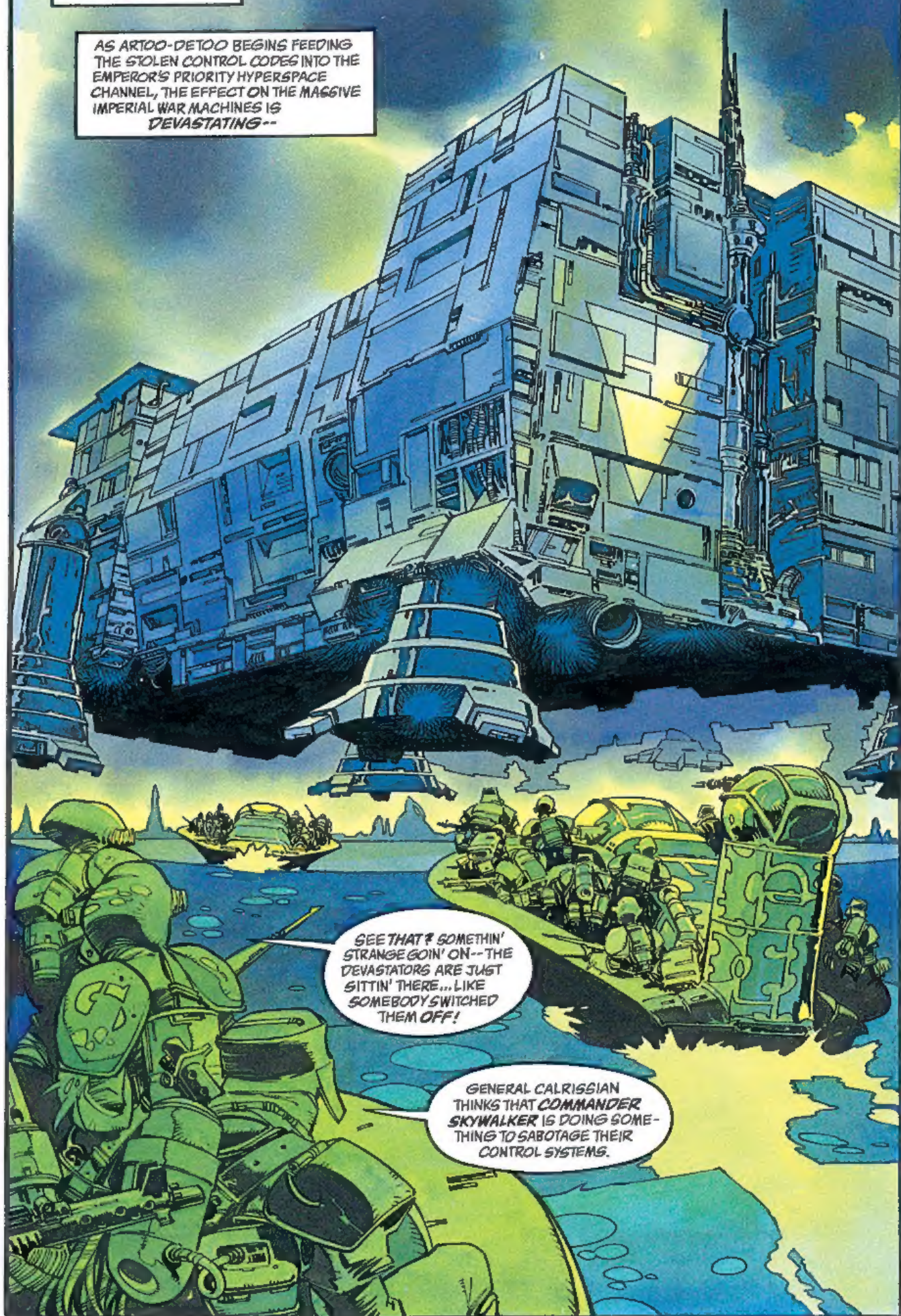
THE *DEVASTATORS* ARE  
USING A *BINARY RECOGNITION  
CODE*... I WANT YOU TO TELL  
ME IF THEY START BEAMING  
*DISTRESS* SIGNALS TO  
BYSS!

OF COURSE, PRINCESS  
LEIA! I'M SO GLAD *SOMEBODY*  
APPRECIATES MY TALENTS!



**CALAMARI-- A WORLD  
UNDER SIEGE.**

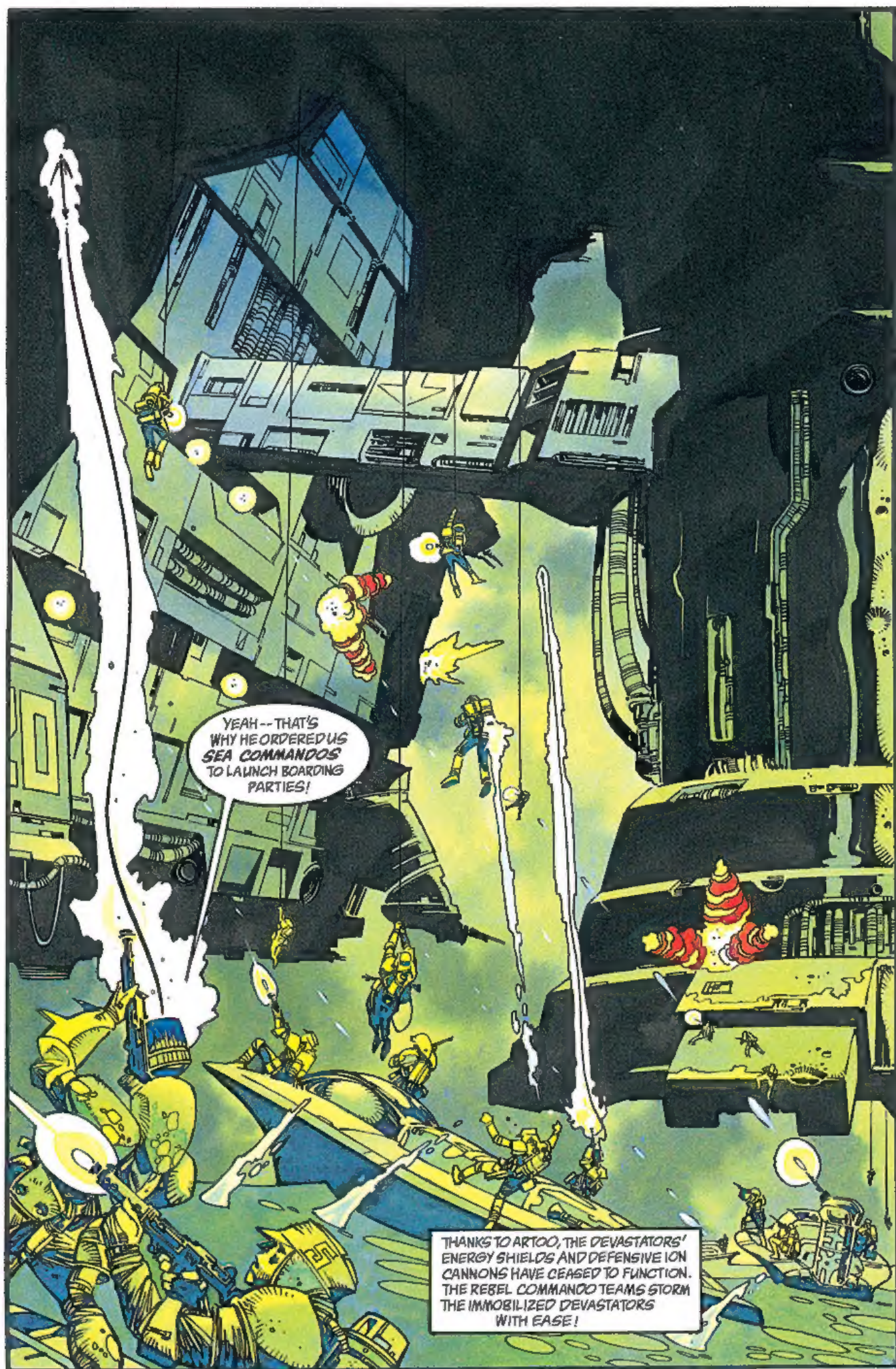
AS ARTOO-DETOO BEGINS FEEDING  
THE STOLEN CONTROL CODES INTO THE  
EMPEROR'S PRIORITY HYPERSPACE  
CHANNEL, THE EFFECT ON THE MASSIVE  
IMPERIAL WAR MACHINES IS  
**DEVASTATING--**



SEE THAT? SOMETHIN'  
STRANGE GOIN' ON--THE  
DEVASTATORS ARE JUST  
SITTIN' THERE... LIKE  
SOMEBODY SWITCHED  
THEM OFF!

GENERAL CALRISSIAN  
THINKS THAT **COMMANDER  
SKYWALKER** IS DOING SOME-  
THING TO SABOTAGE THEIR  
CONTROL SYSTEMS.

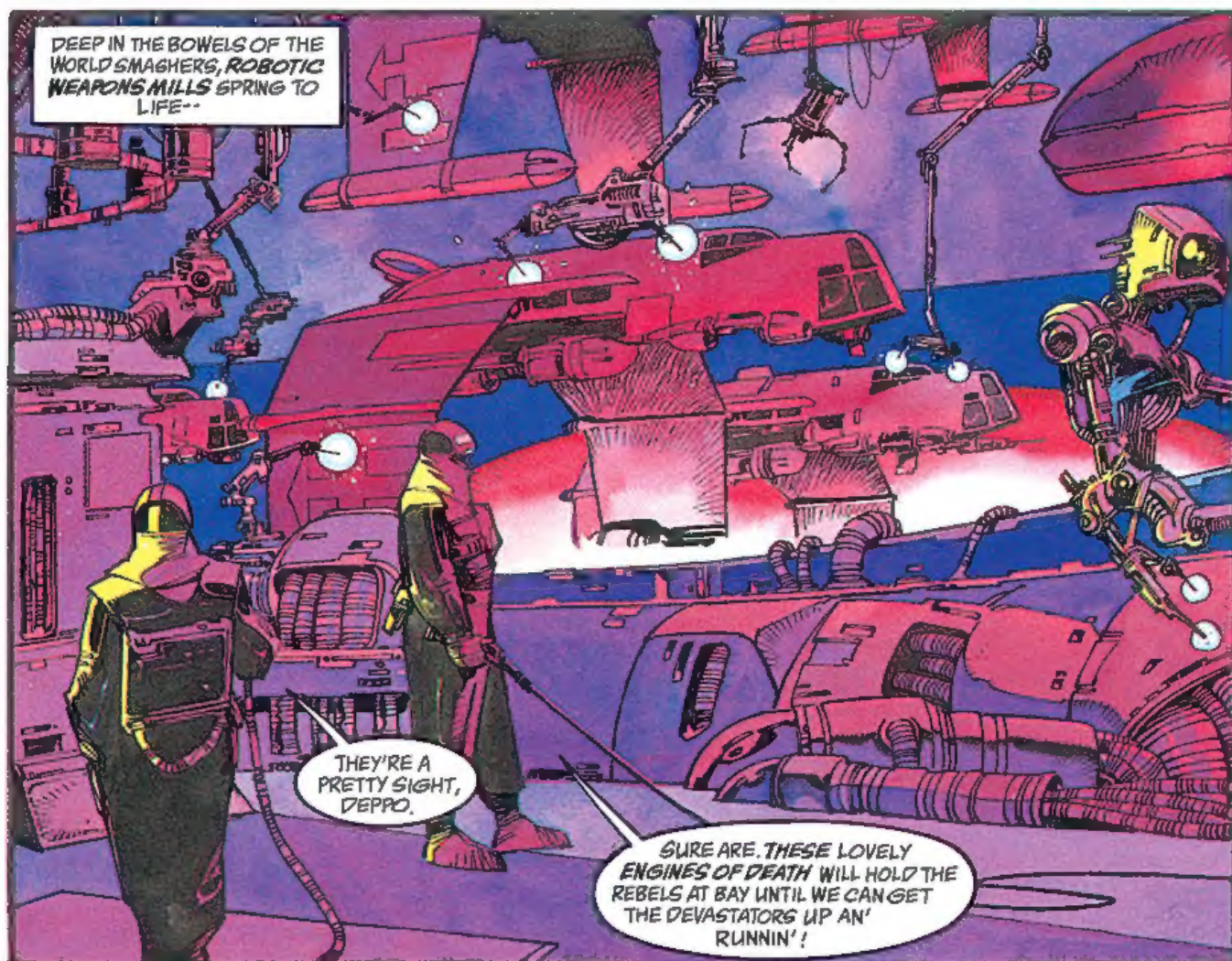




YEAH--THAT'S  
WHY HE ORDERED US  
SEA COMMANDOS  
TO LAUNCH BOARDING  
PARTIES!

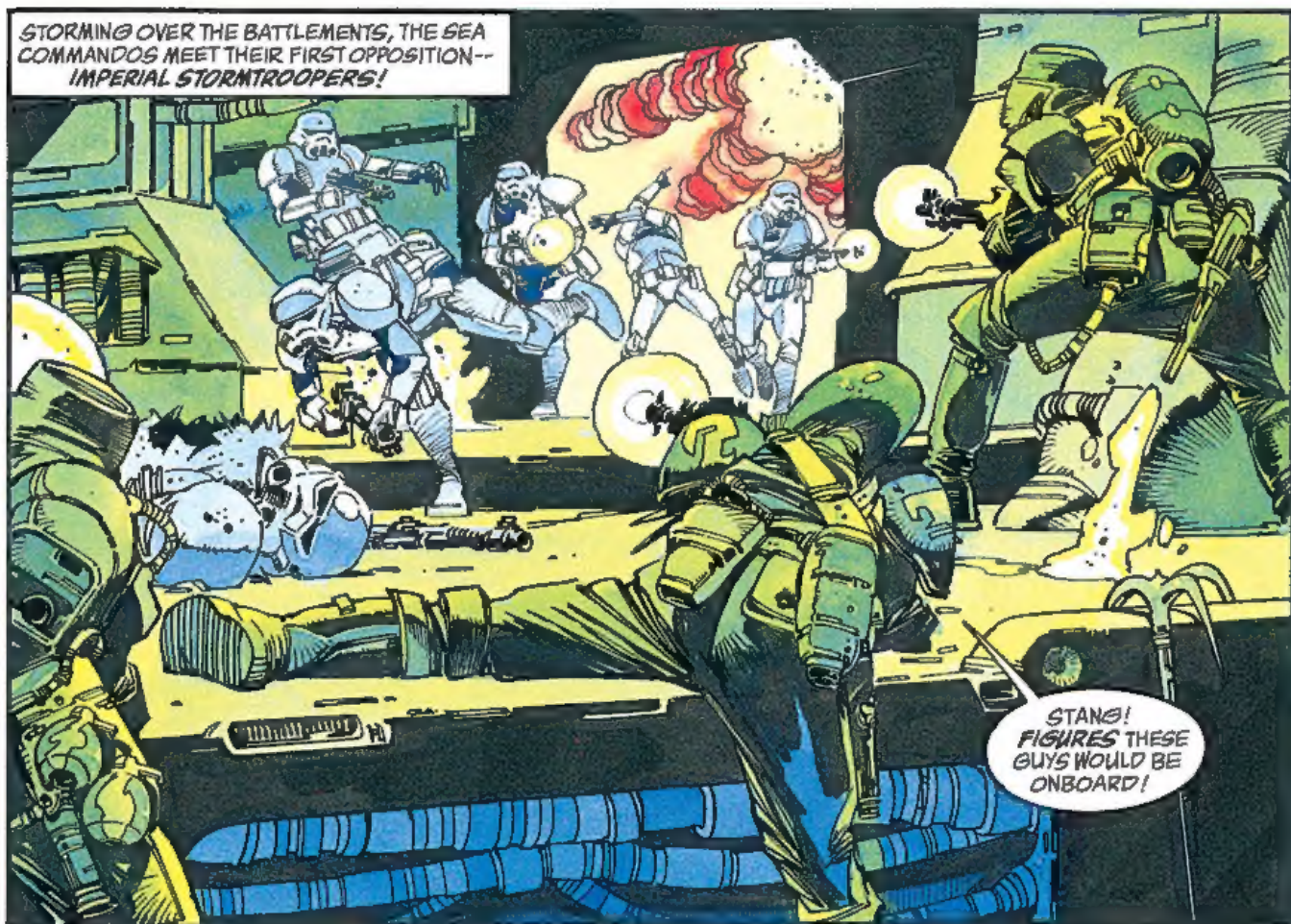
THANKS TO ARTOO, THE DEVASTATORS'  
ENERGY SHIELDS AND DEFENSIVE ION  
CANNONS HAVE CEASED TO FUNCTION.  
THE REBEL COMMANDO TEAMS STORM  
THE IMMOBILIZED DEVASTATORS  
WITH EASE!







STORMING OVER THE BATTLEMENTS, THE SEA  
COMMANDOS MEET THEIR FIRST OPPOSITION--  
IMPERIAL STORMTROOPERS!



MOMENTS LATER, FAR BELOW, THE  
SECOND LINE OF DEFENSE EMERGES  
FROM THE FIERY BELLY OF EACH  
DEVASTATOR--

--FAST AND AGILE ATTACK  
SHIPS THAT BEGIN TO POUND  
THE REBEL AMPHIBIANS  
MERCILESSLY.





ROCKETING OUT OF  
HYPERSPACE, THE CREW  
OF THE **MILLENNIUM  
FALCON** BEHOLDS A  
VERY DISTURBING  
SIGHT--

WHAT'S  
GOIN' ON?!

I THOUGHT  
THOSE CODES WERE  
SUPPOSED TO SHUT  
DOWN THE  
DEVASTATORS--!

--I GUESS  
YOUR BROTHER  
DECIDED TO PULL  
A FASTY ON  
US!

HAN, USE YOUR EYES!  
THOSE DEVASTATORS ARE  
DEAD ON THE WATER!

OBVIOUSLY THE  
IMPERIAL ENGINEERS  
FIGURED OUT HOW TO  
KEEP THE RECYCLING  
FACTORIES WORKING!

SIR,  
IF I MAY  
SAY--



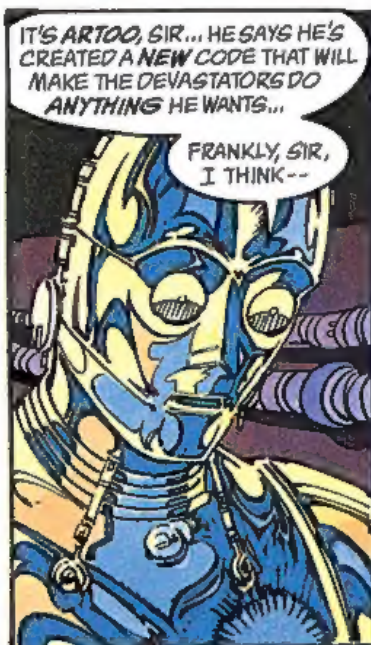


OKAY, SMARTY.  
IF THAT'S TRUE, WHAT'S  
TO STOP 'EM FROM  
GETTING THE WHOLE  
THING OPERATIONAL?

SIR...SIR...  
PLEASE  
LISTEN--!



THREEPIO... I  
THOUGHT I TOLD YOU  
TO SHUT UP!



IT'S ARTOO, SIR... HE SAYS HE'S  
CREATED A NEW CODE THAT WILL  
MAKE THE DEVASTATORS DO  
ANYTHING HE WANTS...

FRANKLY, SIR,  
I THINK--



HUH? OKAY... IT'S WORTH A  
TRY-- LUKE'S BIG PLAN SURE  
DIDN'T HELP MUCH.

SALLA... YOU AND  
CHEWIE TAKE THE FALCON  
IN AS CLOSE AS YOU  
CAN.



GET READY TO GIVE A RANCOR'S  
KISS TO THE ENEMY, HAN--

FALCON HANDLES JUST  
LIKE HE DID BACK WHEN ME  
AN' LANDO MADE THE KESSEL  
RUN!

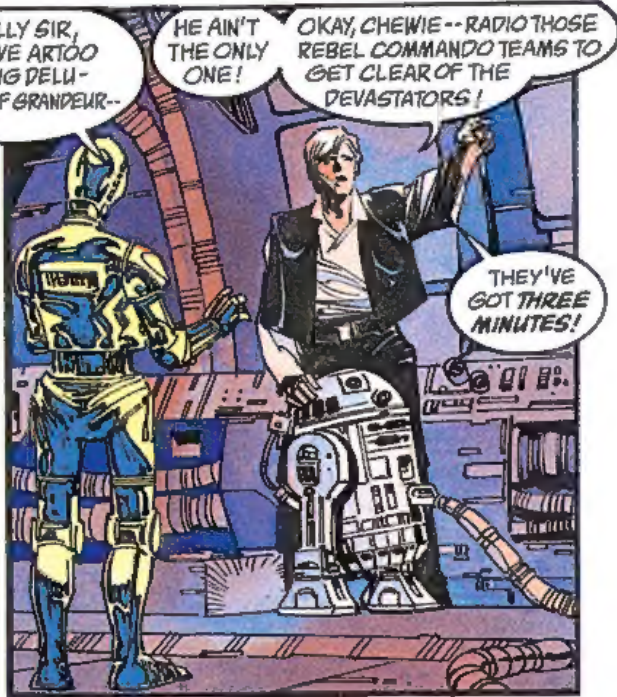


HAN, I DON'T KNOW  
WHY YOU'RE STILL DOWN  
ON LUKE--HE'S TAKING A  
GREAT RISK FOR THE  
ALLIANCE...



YEAH, YEAH... LET'S  
SEE IF THIS CHIRPING,  
THREE-LEGGED BOLT  
BUCKET CAN DO ANY  
BETTER--

ACTUALLY SIR,  
I BELIEVE ARTOO  
IS HAVING DELU-  
SIONS OF GRANDEUR--

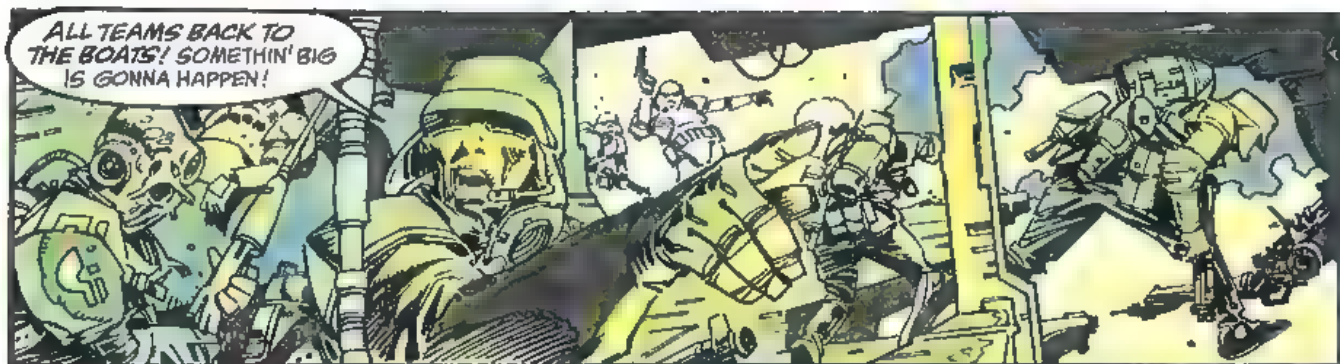


HE AIN'T  
THE ONLY  
ONE!

OKAY, CHEWIE-- RADIO THOSE  
REBEL COMMANDO TEAMS TO  
GET CLEAR OF THE  
DEVASTATORS!

THEY'VE  
GOT THREE  
MINUTES!





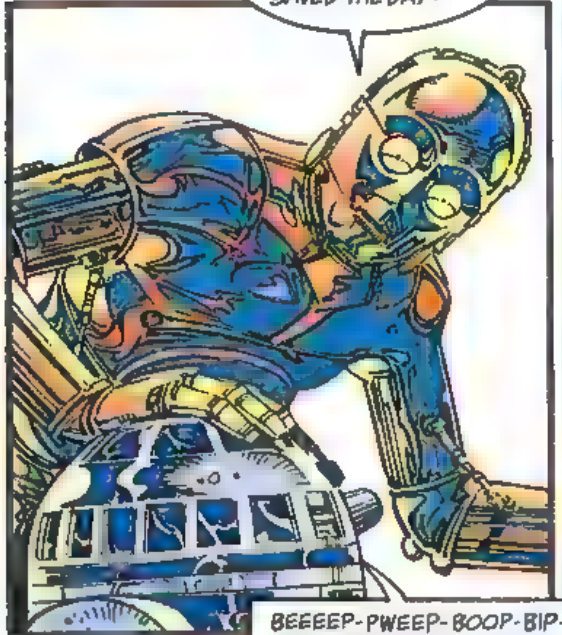
ALL TEAMS BACK TO THE BOATS! SOMETHIN' BIG IS GONNA HAPPEN!



ARTOO IS ON TO SOMETHING! AS THE BRAVE LITTLE ROBOT BEAMS HIS NEW CODES INTO THE DEVASTATORS' CONTROL COMPUTERS, AMAZING THINGS BEGIN TO HAPPEN!

LOOK! IT'S WORKING! ARTOO, YOU'RE A GENIUS--!

--THANK THE MAKER! ARTOO-- I KNEW YOU COULD DO IT! YOU SAVED THE DAY!



BBBBEEEP-PWEEEP-BOOP-BIP-BIP-WHREET-DOOT-VRR-FRADEET-BREE-DOOPVADEET-DRRP-TWEET-BRAZZZZ!!!

OH! I'VE NEVER BEEN SO INSULTED IN ALL MY LIFE!

AND TO THINK IT WAS I WHO TOLD THEM ABOUT YOUR GRAND PLAN!



TOO BAD YOU'VE DESTROYED THE DEVASTATORS-- I'D FEED YOU TO THEM TO BE RECYCLED!



AS ARTOO'S CODED INSTRUCTIONS CONTINUE TO OVERRIDE THEIR BATTLE PROGRAMMING, THE REMAINING DEVASTATORS TURN ON EACH OTHER WITH THE FULL *FURY* OF THEIR RECYCLING FURNACES--

--THE DEVASTATORS' *LAST* ASSAULT IS CATASTROPHIC AND TOTAL!

GOOD WORK, HAN AND LEIA!... AND THANK THAT LITTLE DROID!

BRTT-TWEEP!

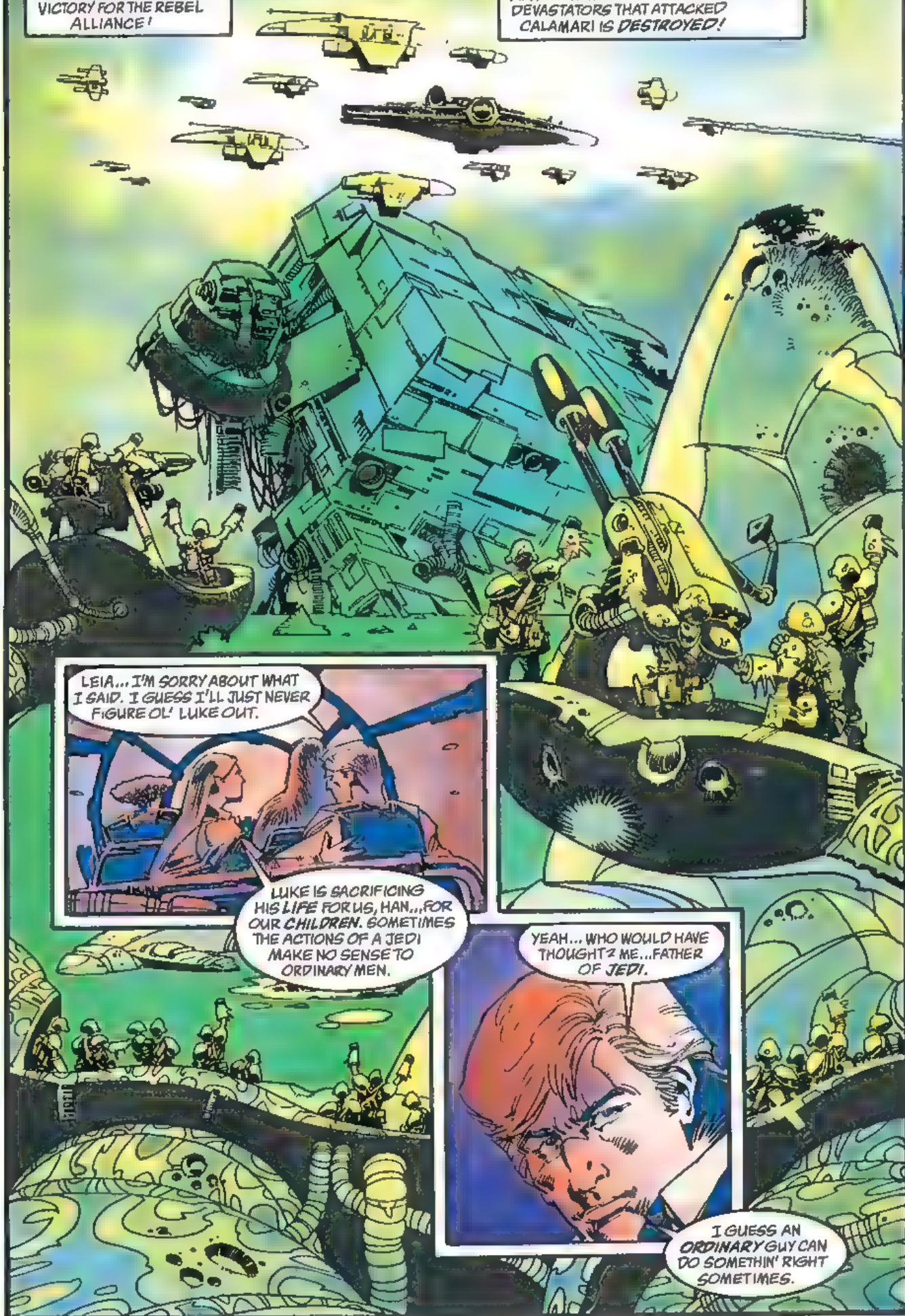
NOW HERE'S THE *BAD* NEWS, LANDO--

--IT AIN'T OVER YET! THE EMPEROR'S BACK IN ACTION!



BUT THANKS TO LUKE AND  
ARTOO, THE BATTLE OF  
CALAMARI IS A GREAT  
VICTORY FOR THE REBEL  
ALLIANCE!

WHEN THE SMOKE CLEARS, IT BECOMES  
APPARENT THAT THE ENTIRE FLEET OF  
DEVASTATORS THAT ATTACKED  
CALAMARI IS DESTROYED!



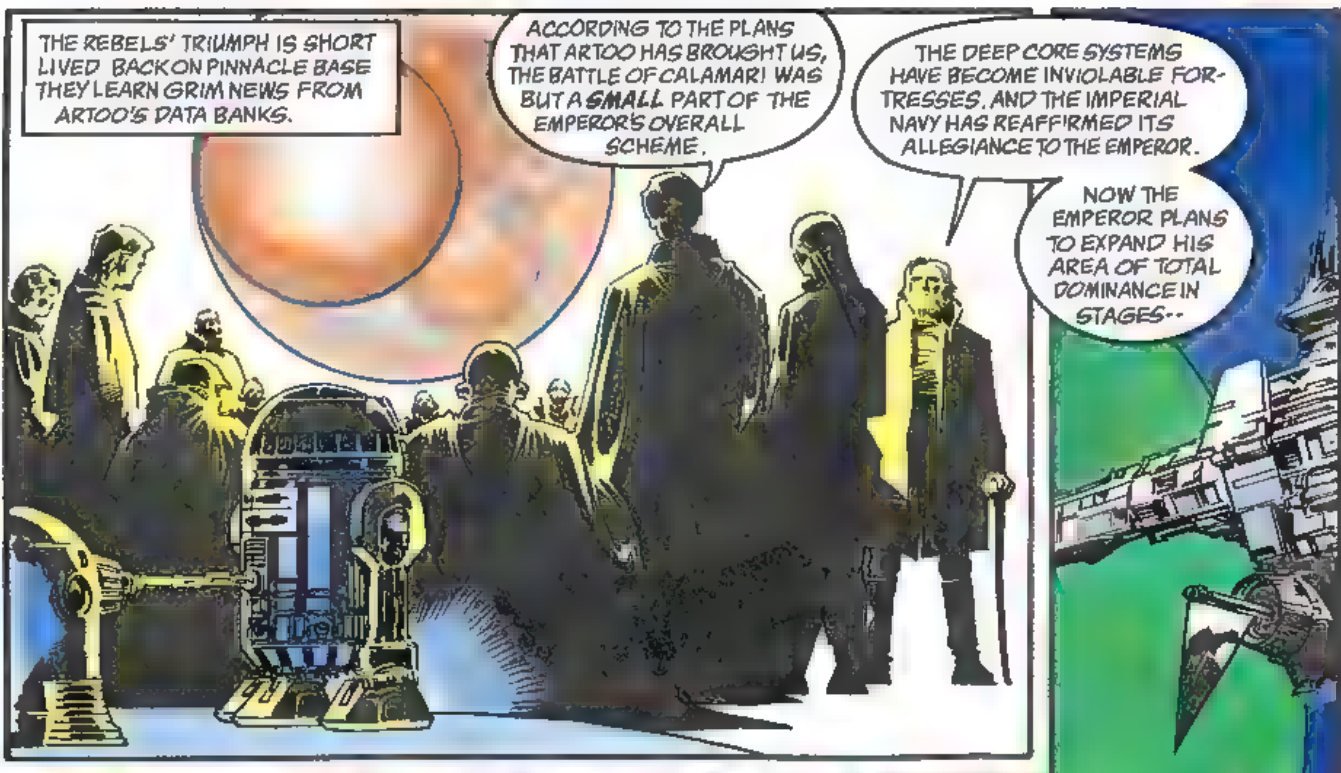
LEIA... I'M SORRY ABOUT WHAT  
I SAID. I GUESS I'LL JUST NEVER  
FIGURE OL' LUKE OUT.

LUKE IS SACRIFICING  
HIS LIFE FOR US, HAN... FOR  
OUR CHILDREN. SOMETIMES  
THE ACTIONS OF A JEDI  
MAKE NO SENSE TO  
ORDINARY MEN.

YEAH... WHO WOULD HAVE  
THOUGHT? ME... FATHER  
OF JEDI.

I GUESS AN  
ORDINARY GUY CAN  
DO SOMETHIN' RIGHT  
SOMETIMES.



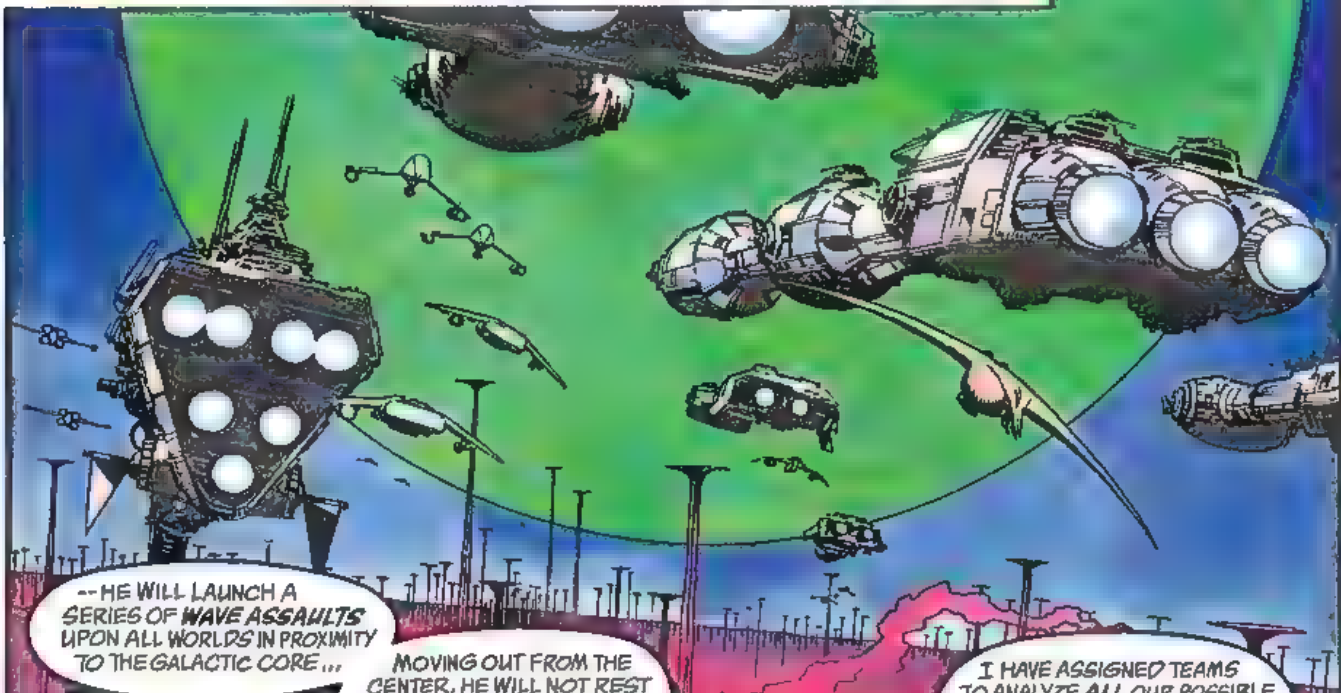


THE REBELS' TRIUMPH IS SHORT LIVED. BACK ON PINNACLE BASE THEY LEARN GRIM NEWS FROM ARTOO'S DATA BANKS.

ACCORDING TO THE PLANS THAT ARTOO HAS BROUGHT US, THE BATTLE OF CALAMARI WAS BUT A SMALL PART OF THE EMPEROR'S OVERALL SCHEME.

THE DEEP CORE SYSTEMS HAVE BECOME INVOLABLE FORTRESSES, AND THE IMPERIAL NAVY HAS REAFFIRMED ITS ALLEGIANCE TO THE EMPEROR.

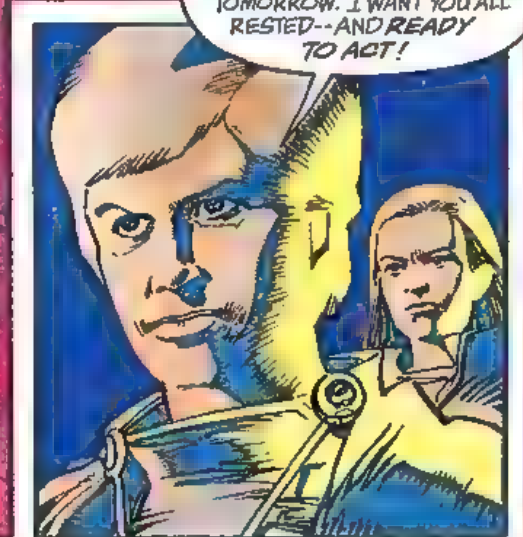
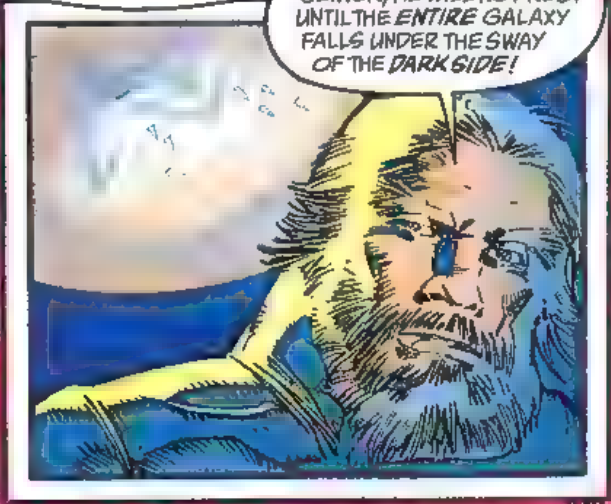
NOW THE EMPEROR PLANS TO EXPAND HIS AREA OF TOTAL DOMINANCE IN STAGES--



-- HE WILL LAUNCH A SERIES OF **WAVE ASSAULTS** UPON ALL WORLDS IN PROXIMITY TO THE GALACTIC CORE...

MOVING OUT FROM THE CENTER, HE WILL NOT REST UNTIL THE ENTIRE GALAXY FALLS UNDER THE SWAY OF THE DARK SIDE!

I HAVE ASSIGNED TEAMS TO ANALYZE ALL OUR POSSIBLE RESPONSES. WE'LL MEET AGAIN TOMORROW. I WANT YOU ALL RESTED--AND READY TO ACT!





EXHAUSTED FROM BATTLE FATIGUE, THE REBEL WARRIORS RETIRE TO THEIR QUARTERS. LEIA TAKES TIME TO BE ALONE... TO PONDER THE FATE OF HER BROTHER.

WHAT A STRANGE DEVICE... GO OLD... CONSTRUCTED BY A LONG-LOST SCIENCE.

CAN IT TELL ME WHAT WILL BECOME OF LUKE?

JEDI!  
MAY THE FORCE  
BE WITH YOU!  
I AM BODO  
BAAS, AT YOUR  
SERVICE.

BODO BAAS KNOWS  
ALL PROBABLE FUTURES,  
FROM HIS TIME UNTIL A  
TIME LOST IN MISTS AND  
SHADOWS...

I CAN  
HELP YOU.

BUT... YOU'RE NOT  
ALIVE. CAN YOU REALLY  
KNOW THE FUTURE?

PAST HISTORY AND  
PRESENT ACTION ARE  
ONE... THE FORCE  
SURROUNDS ALL TIME...  
ALL DOING

BODO BAAS IS  
WITH THE FORCE, THAT  
IS FOR CERTAIN.

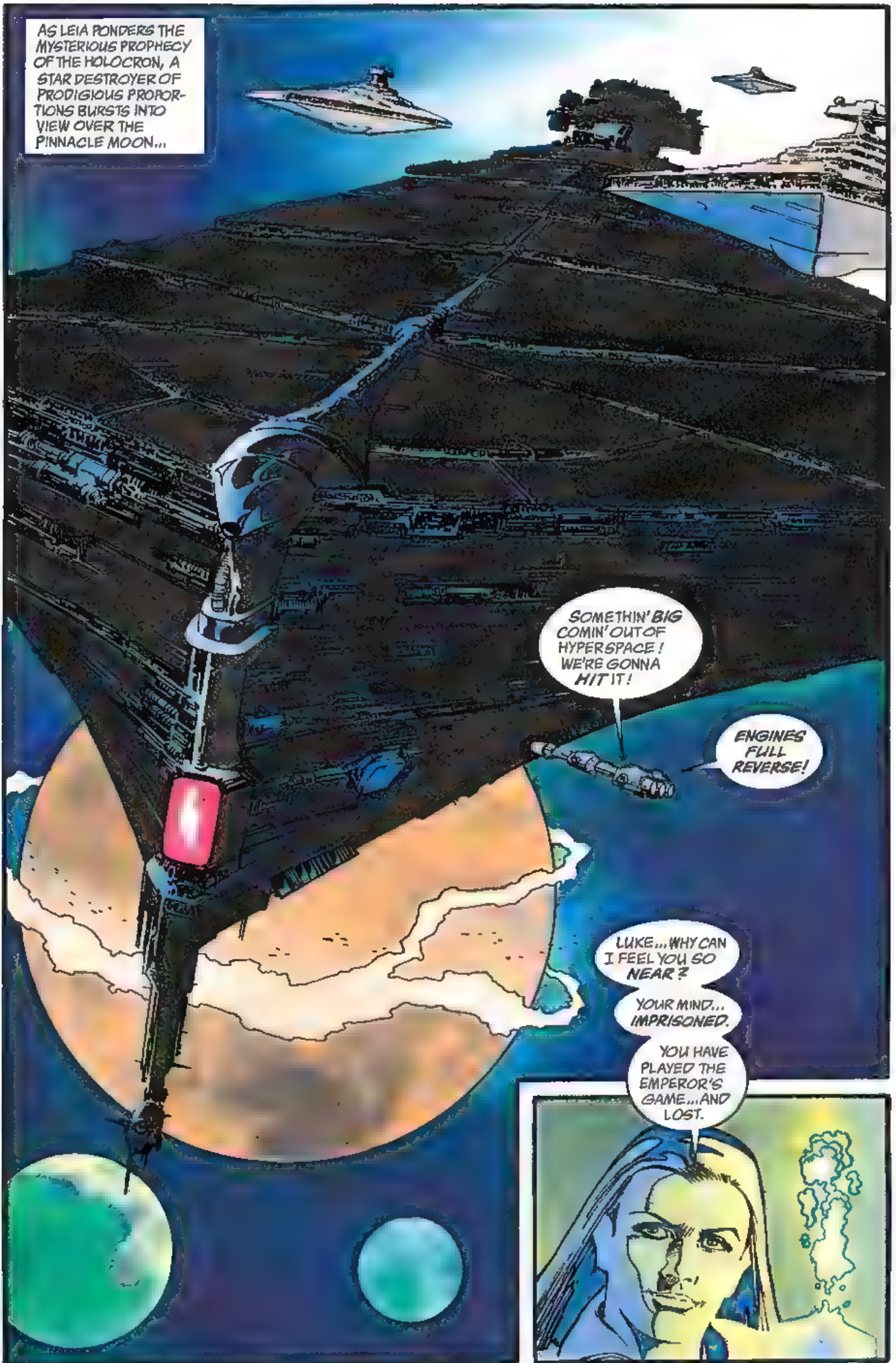
FOR YOU BODO BAAS  
WILL SPEAK A PROPHECY  
WRITTEN ONE THOUSAND  
YEARS BEFORE YOUR  
TIME, BY MY OWN  
MASTER!

... A BROTHER AND SISTER  
BORN TO WALK THE SKY,  
BUT RECKLESS BROTHER FALLS--  
INTO DARK SIDE'S EYE!  
JEDI SISTER CARRIES HOPE  
FOR FUTURE IN HER WOMB.  
ONLY SHE CAN SAVE THE  
SKYWALKERS FROM  
CERTAIN DOOM!

A JEDI-KILLER  
WANTS TO TAME HER.  
NOW THE DARK-SIDE LORD  
COMES TO CLAIM HER  
SHE MUST BATTLE, JOIN  
AGAINST THIS THIEF,  
OR THE DYNASTY OF ALL THE  
JEDI WILL COME TO GRIEF!



AS LEIA PONDERES THE MYSTERIOUS PROPHECY OF THE HOLOCRON, A STAR DESTROYER OF PRODIGIOUS PROPORTIONS BURSTS INTO VIEW OVER THE PINNACLE MOON...



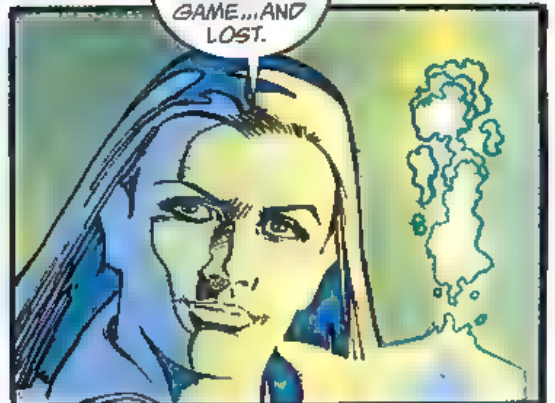
SOMETHIN' BIG  
COMIN' OUT OF  
HYPERSPACE!  
WE'RE GONNA  
HIT IT!

ENGINES  
FULL  
REVERSE!

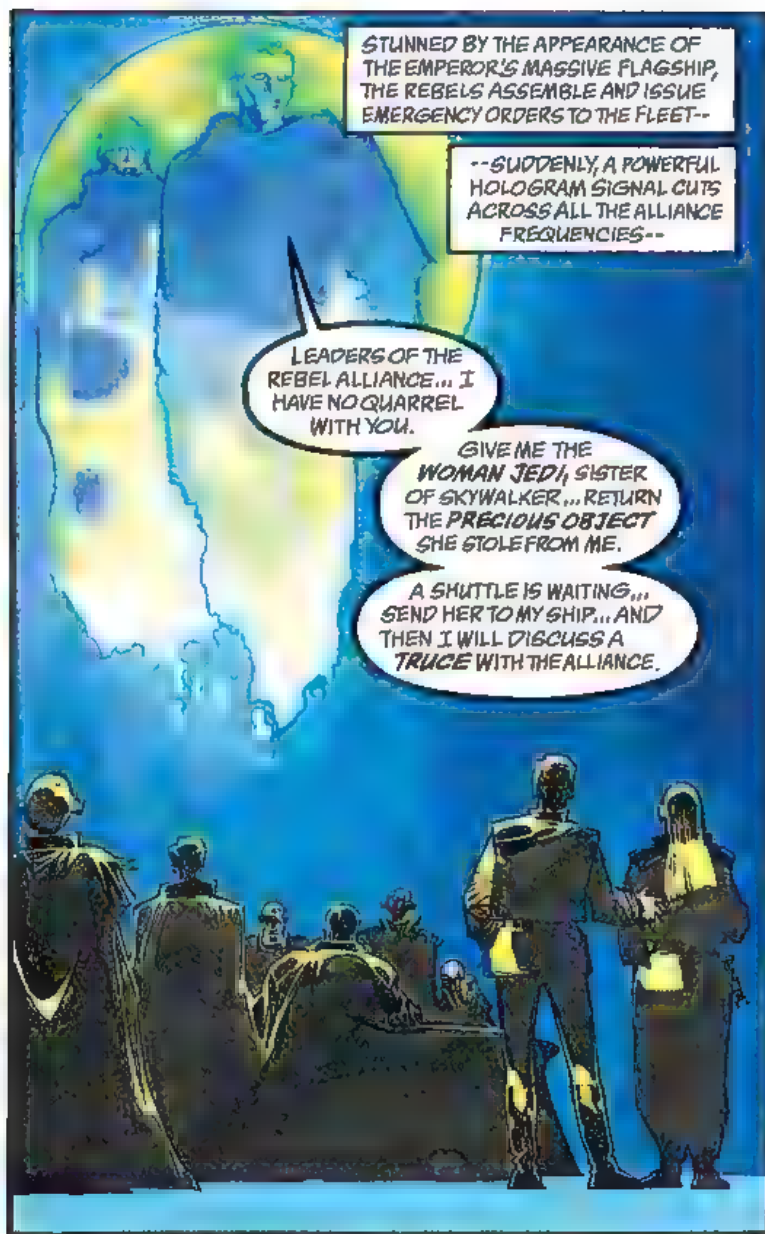
LUKE... WHY CAN  
I FEEL YOU SO  
NEAR?

YOUR MIND...  
IMPRISONED.

YOU HAVE  
PLAYED THE  
EMPEROR'S  
GAME... AND  
LOST.







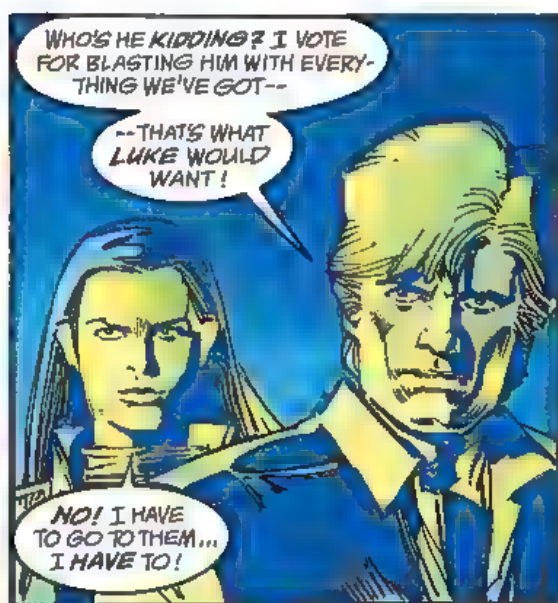
STUNNED BY THE APPEARANCE OF THE EMPEROR'S MASSIVE FLAGSHIP, THE REBELS ASSEMBLE AND ISSUE EMERGENCY ORDERS TO THE FLEET--

--SUDDENLY, A POWERFUL HOLOGRAM SIGNAL CUTS ACROSS ALL THE ALLIANCE FREQUENCIES--

LEADERS OF THE REBEL ALLIANCE... I HAVE NO QUARREL WITH YOU.

GIVE ME THE WOMAN JEDI, SISTER OF SKYWALKER... RETURN THE PRECIOUS OBJECT SHE STOLE FROM ME.

A SHUTTLE IS WAITING... SEND HER TO MY SHIP... AND THEN I WILL DISCUSS A TRUCE WITH THE ALLIANCE.



WHO'S HE KIDDING? I VOTE FOR BLASTING HIM WITH EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT--

--THAT'S WHAT LUKE WOULD WANT!

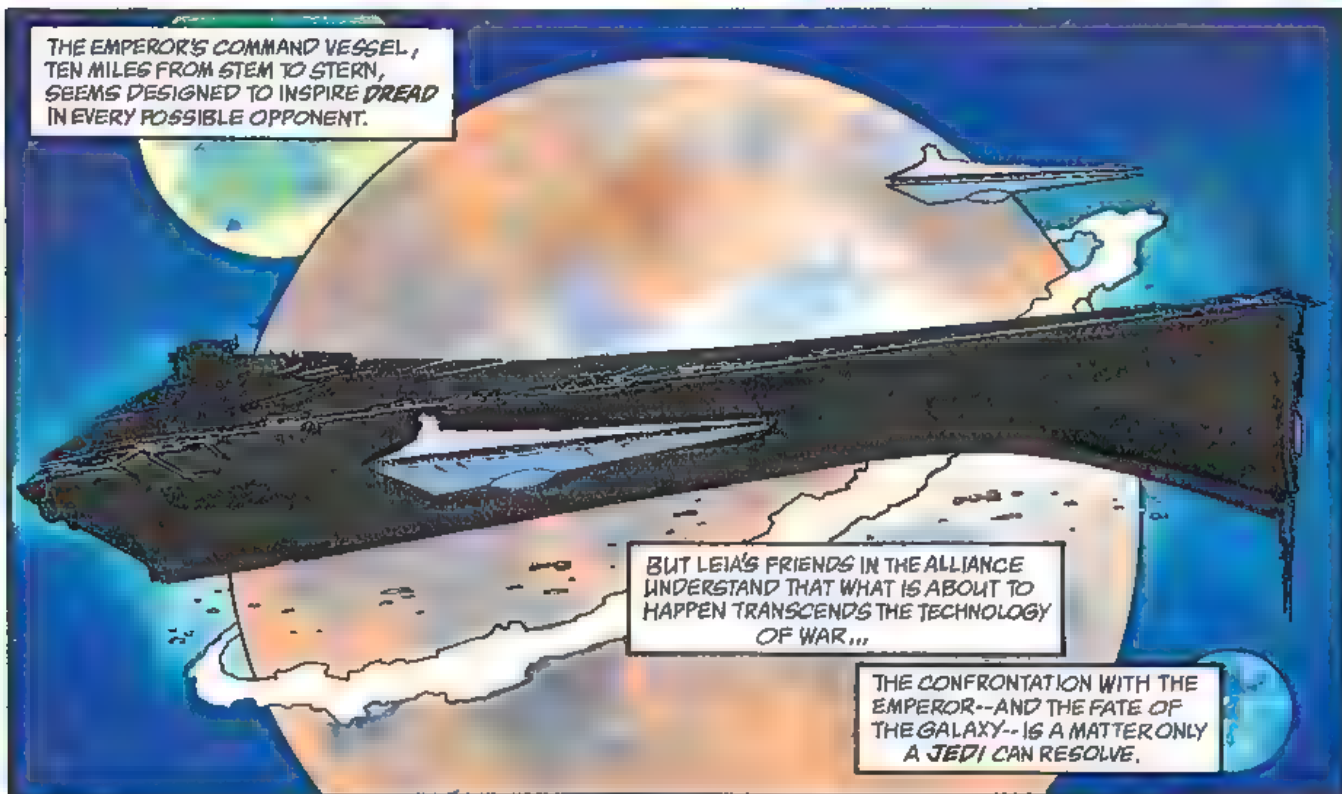
NO! I HAVE TO GO TO THEM... I HAVE TO!



I WON'T LET YOU...OUR CHILD--

YOU WILL LET ME

LEIA DOESN'T USE ANY "JEDI MIND TRICKS" ON HER HUSBAND. SHE SIMPLY GOES...



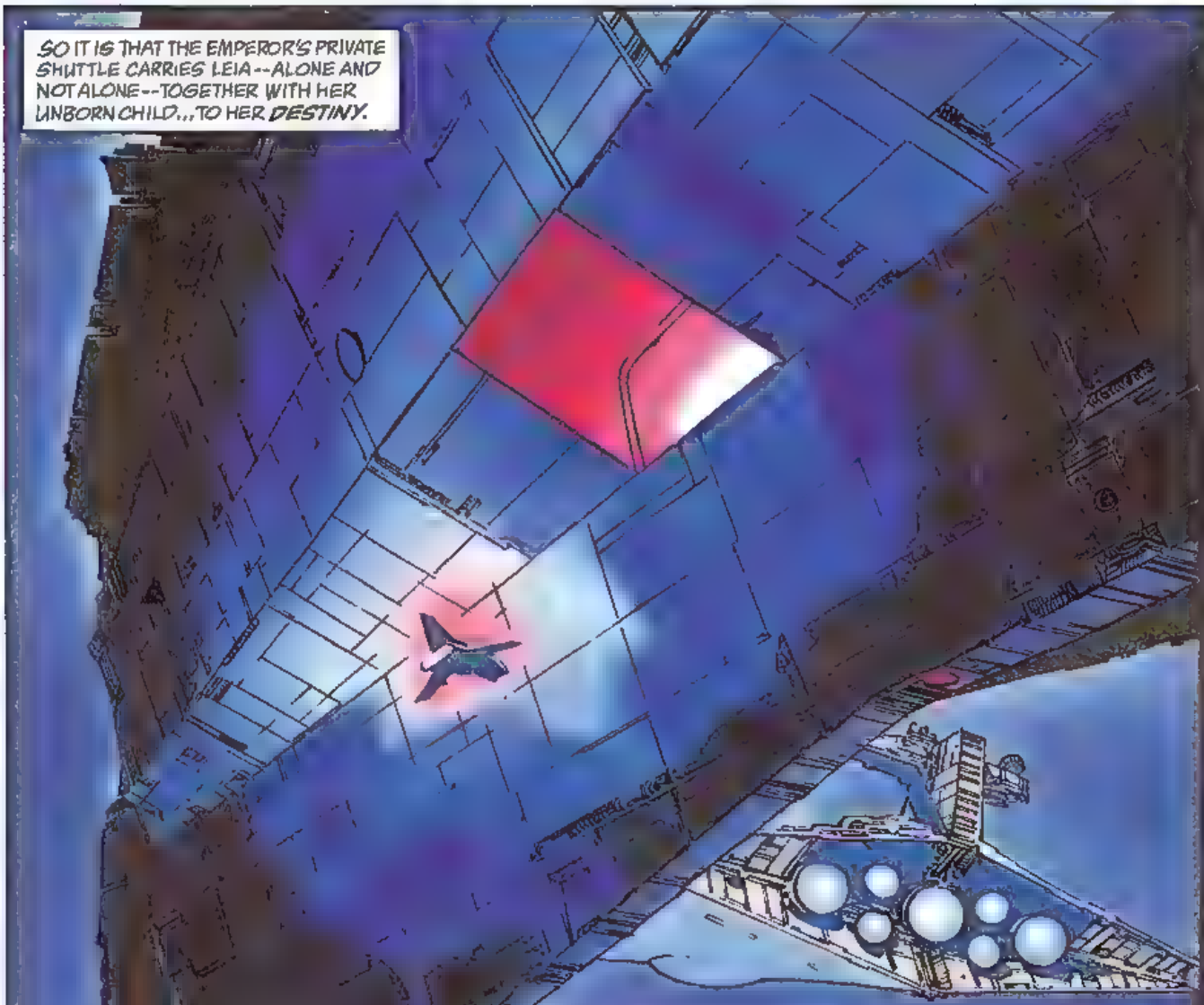
THE EMPEROR'S COMMAND VESSEL, TEN MILES FROM STEM TO STERN, SEEMS DESIGNED TO INSPIRE DREAD IN EVERY POSSIBLE OPPONENT.

BUT LEIA'S FRIENDS IN THE ALLIANCE UNDERSTAND THAT WHAT IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN TRANSCENDS THE TECHNOLOGY OF WAR...

THE CONFRONTATION WITH THE EMPEROR--AND THE FATE OF THE GALAXY--IS A MATTER ONLY A JEDI CAN RESOLVE.



SO IT IS THAT THE EMPEROR'S PRIVATE SHUTTLE CARRIES LEIA--ALONE AND NOT ALONE--TOGETHER WITH HER UNBORN CHILD...TO HER **DESTINY**.



DISSEMBARKING INSIDE THE COLOSSAL WARSHIP, LEIA SENSES AN **OPPRESSION** UNLIKE ANYTHING SHE'S FELT BEFORE.



THERE IS NO GLIMMER OF HOPE IN THIS SHIP...ONLY THE DARK SIDE OF THE FORCE...MORE POWERFUL THAN EVER





GOOD. YOU HAVE UNDERSTOOD.

YOU MAY LEAVE US, GUARDS.

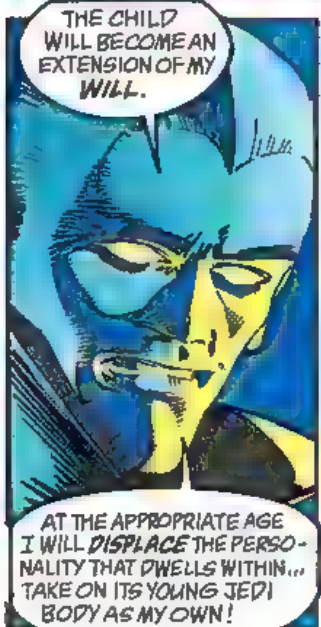
NOW... WHERE IS MY HOLOCRON?

I DON'T HAVE IT.  
I HAVE COME FOR MY BROTHER

YOU STILL DEFY ME? PERHAPS YOU DO NOT KNOW YOUR OWN HEART IN THESE MATTERS...

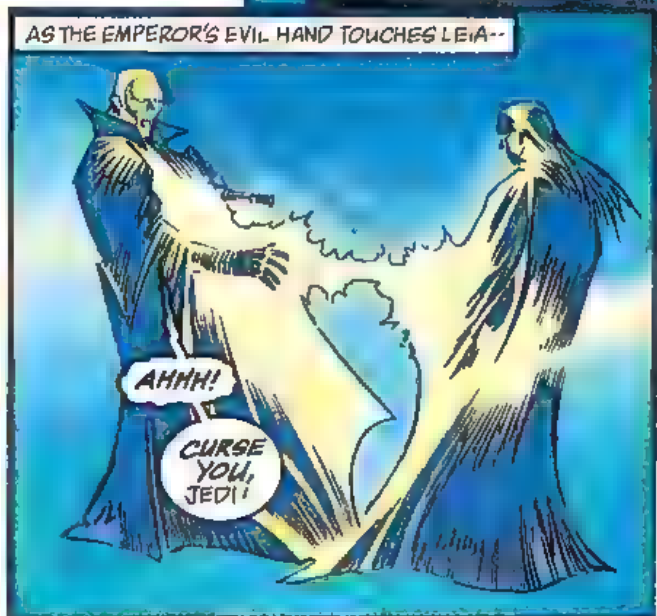
THE CHILD IN YOUR WOMB WILL BE GIVEN TO ME, IS THAT NOT SO?

I WILL RAISE THIS CHILD IN THE POWER OF THE DARK SIDE...



THE CHILD WILL BECOME AN EXTENSION OF MY WILL.

AT THE APPROPRIATE AGE I WILL DISPLACE THE PERSONALITY THAT DWELLS WITHIN... TAKE ON ITS YOUNG JEDI BODY AS MY OWN!



AS THE EMPEROR'S EVIL HAND TOUCHES LEIA--

AHHH!

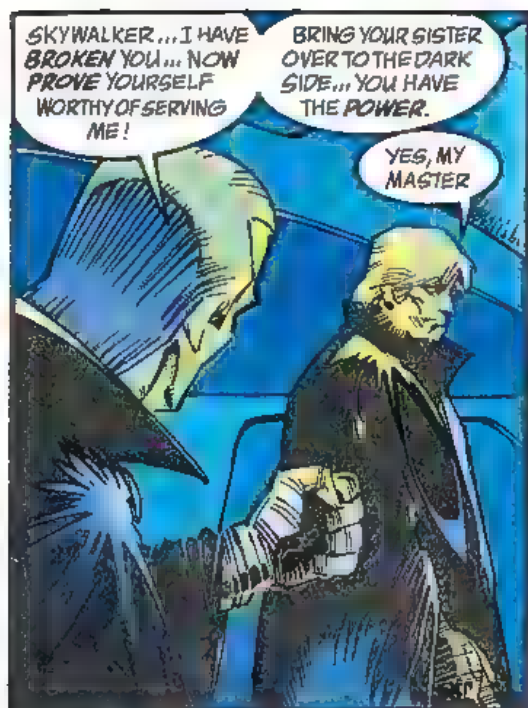
CURSE YOU, JEDI!



NO...A CURSE IS NOT NECESSARY...

I HAVE SOMETHING BETTER FOR YOU...

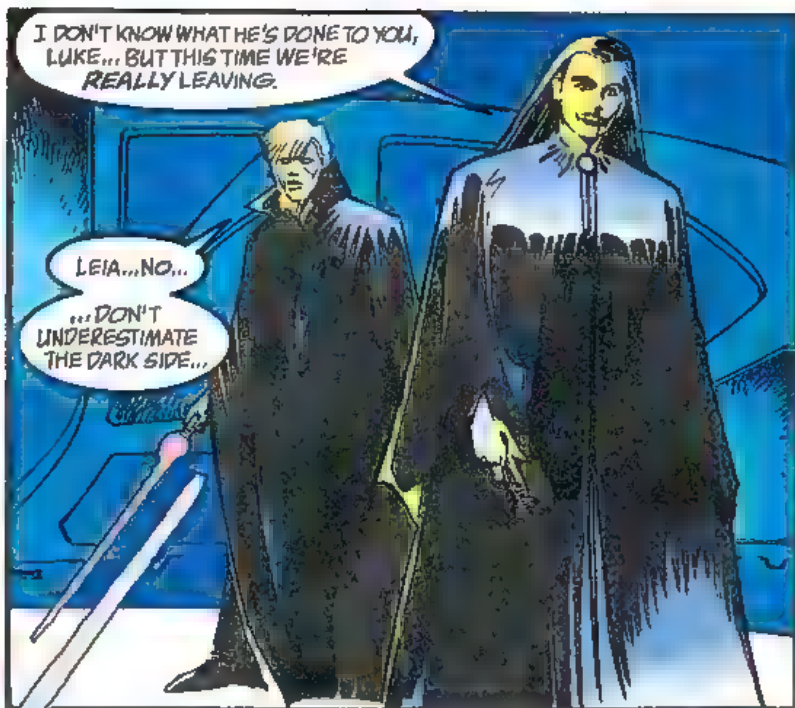




SKYWALKER... I HAVE  
BROKEN YOU... NOW  
PROVE YOURSELF  
WORTHY OF SERVING  
ME!

BRING YOUR SISTER  
OVER TO THE DARK  
SIDE... YOU HAVE  
THE POWER.

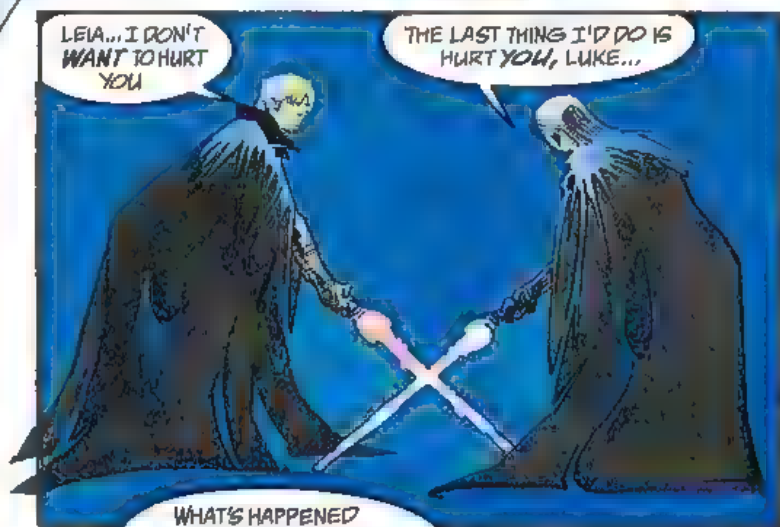
YES, MY  
MASTER



I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S DONE TO YOU,  
LUKE... BUT THIS TIME WE'RE  
REALLY LEAVING.

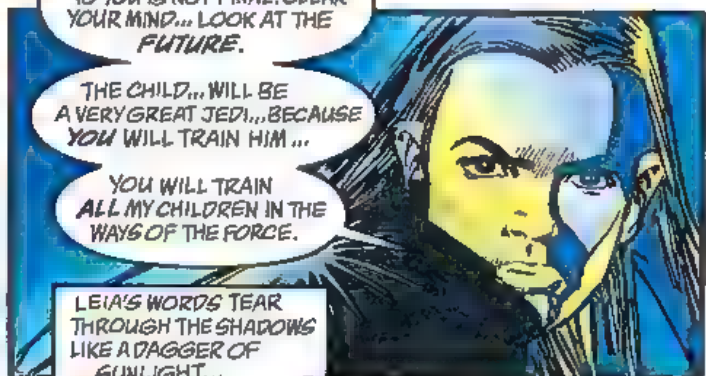
LEIA... NO...

...DON'T  
UNDERESTIMATE  
THE DARK SIDE...



LEIA... I DON'T  
WANT TO HURT  
YOU

THE LAST THING I'D DO IS  
HURT YOU, LUKE...



WHAT'S HAPPENED  
TO YOU IS NOT FINAL. CLEAR  
YOUR MIND... LOOK AT THE  
FUTURE.

THE CHILD... WILL BE  
A VERY GREAT JEDI... BECAUSE  
YOU WILL TRAIN HIM...

YOU WILL TRAIN  
ALL MY CHILDREN IN THE  
WAYS OF THE FORCE.

LEIA'S WORDS TEAR  
THROUGH THE SHADOWS  
LIKE A DAGGER OF  
SUNLIGHT...



A VOICE CRIES OUT... FROM FATHOMS  
BELOW THE DARKNESS THAT ENSHROUDS  
THE MIND OF A JEDI!

LEIA...  
HELP ME...

I HAVE GONE  
TOO FAR... INTO THE  
DARK SIDE...





I FOUND KNOWLEDGE  
THERE... ALL THE DARK THINGS  
FATHER KNEW SO WELL...

...THE ABILITY TO  
CONTROL OTHERS... TO  
DESTROY OTHERS, IF  
I SO CHOOSE--

--BEN WARNED ME... YODA  
WARNED ME... "ONCE YOU START  
DOWN THAT DARK PATH, FOREVER  
WILL IT DOMINATE YOUR  
DESTINY..."

BUT I HAD TO DO IT,  
LEIA. I HAD TO KNOW MY  
FATHER... I HAD TO KNOW  
WHY HE CHOSE THE  
DARK SIDE.

AND NOW YOU  
KNOW WHAT HAPPENED  
TO OUR FATHER...

...IT'S TIME  
TO COME HOME,  
LUKE

DO NOT LISTEN  
TO HER! LISTEN TO THE  
VOICE OF THE DARK  
SIDE! YOUR POWER  
IS IMMENSE!



THE POWERS OF CONTROL  
AND DESTRUCTION WEREN'T THE  
ONLY THINGS I FOUND IN THE  
DARK SIDE...

I ALSO FOUND  
GREAT ISOLATION AND  
SADNESS... I FOUND  
FEAR.

THESE ARE THE  
FEELINGS MY FATHER  
FELT... THE FEELINGS  
EVEN YOU FEEL, IN  
YOUR MOMENTS OF  
DARKEST TRIUMPH



NONSENSE!

CURSE YOU,  
SKYWALKERS!

I'LL TELL  
YOU THE TRUTH  
ABOUT YOUR  
FATHER--





THE GREAT DARTH VADER WAS A SICK MAN IN AN IRON MASK!

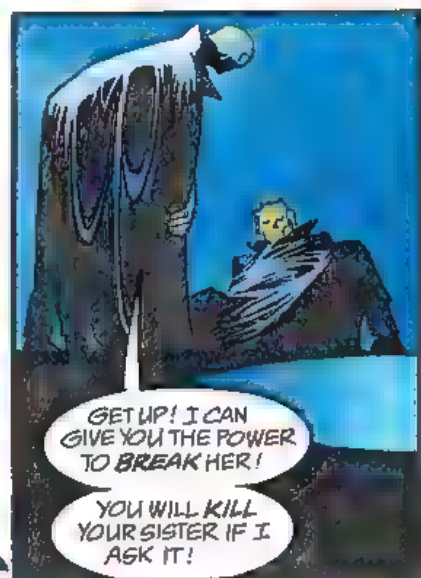
YEE, THAT MASK INSPIRED **TERROR** THROUGHOUT THE GALAXY...

...BUT THE FEEBLE HEART WITHIN WAS FOREVER POSSESSED BY THE **IMPOTENT** SIDE OF THE **FORCE**!



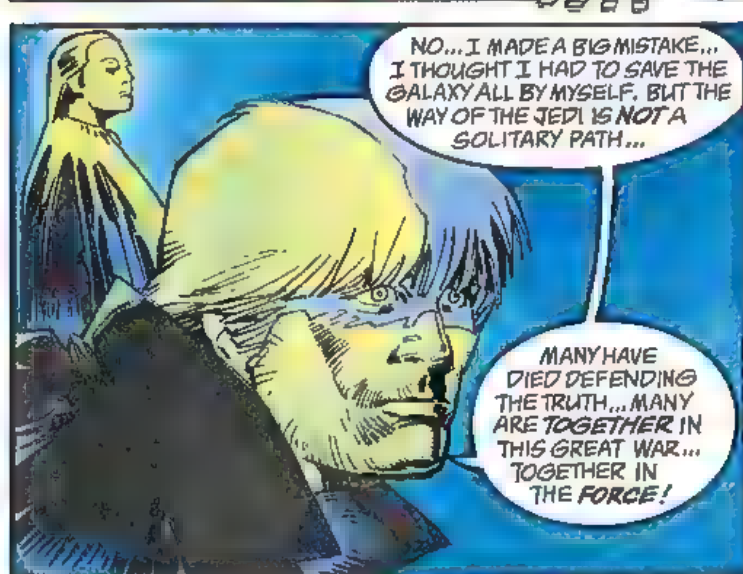
YOU CAN BE FAR STRONGER THAN HE WAS!

DARK JEDI! ARE YOU GOING TO LET YOUR WEAK SISTER GET THE BETTER OF YOU?



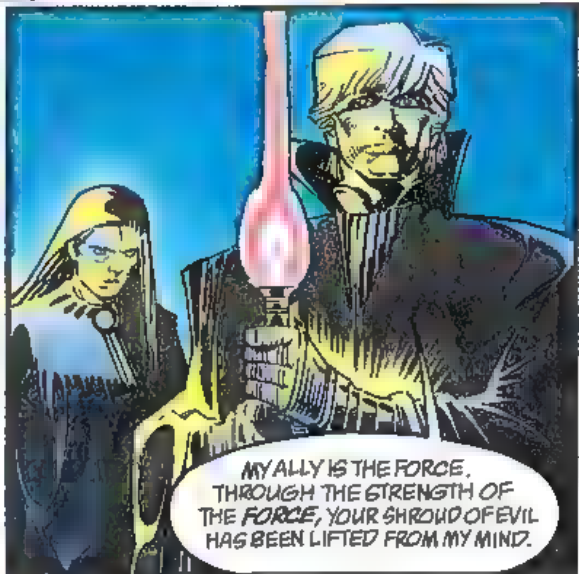
GET UP! I CAN GIVE YOU THE POWER TO **BREAK** HER!

YOU WILL KILL YOUR SISTER IF I ASK IT!



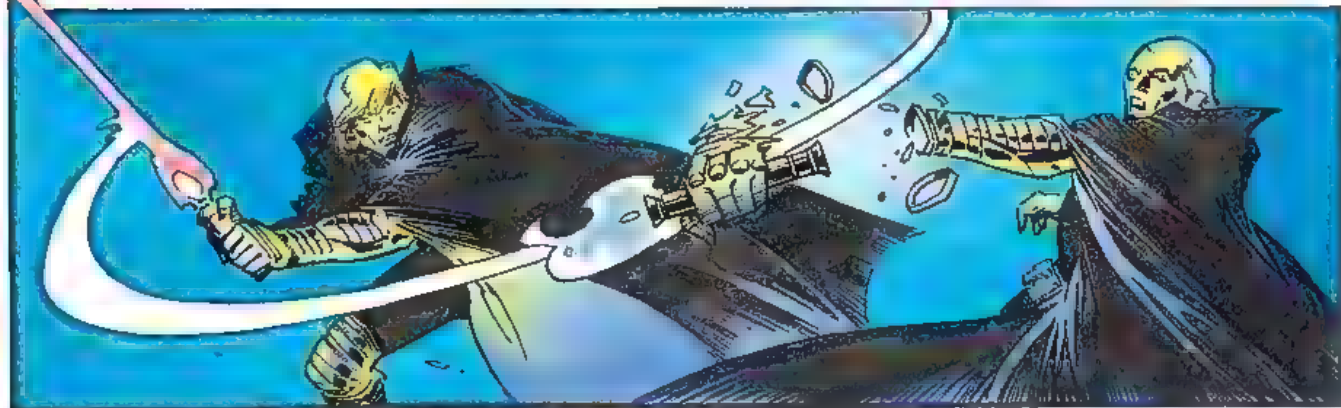
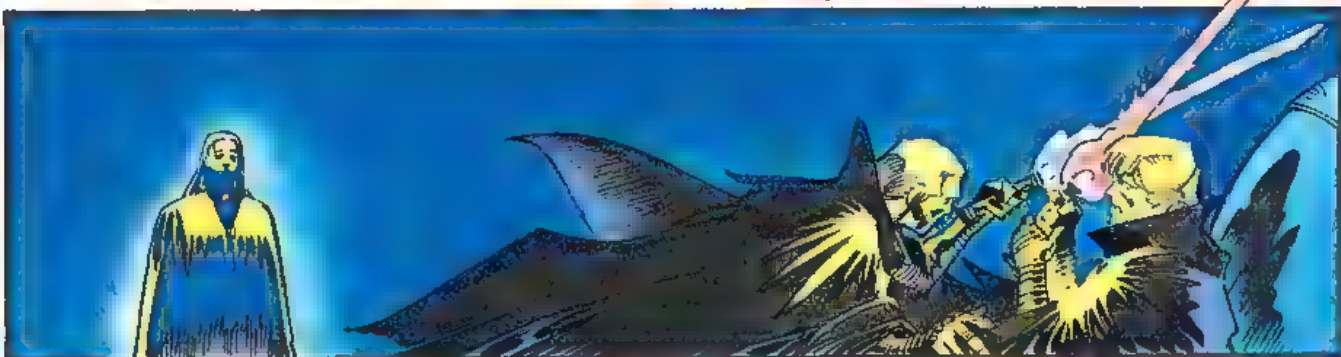
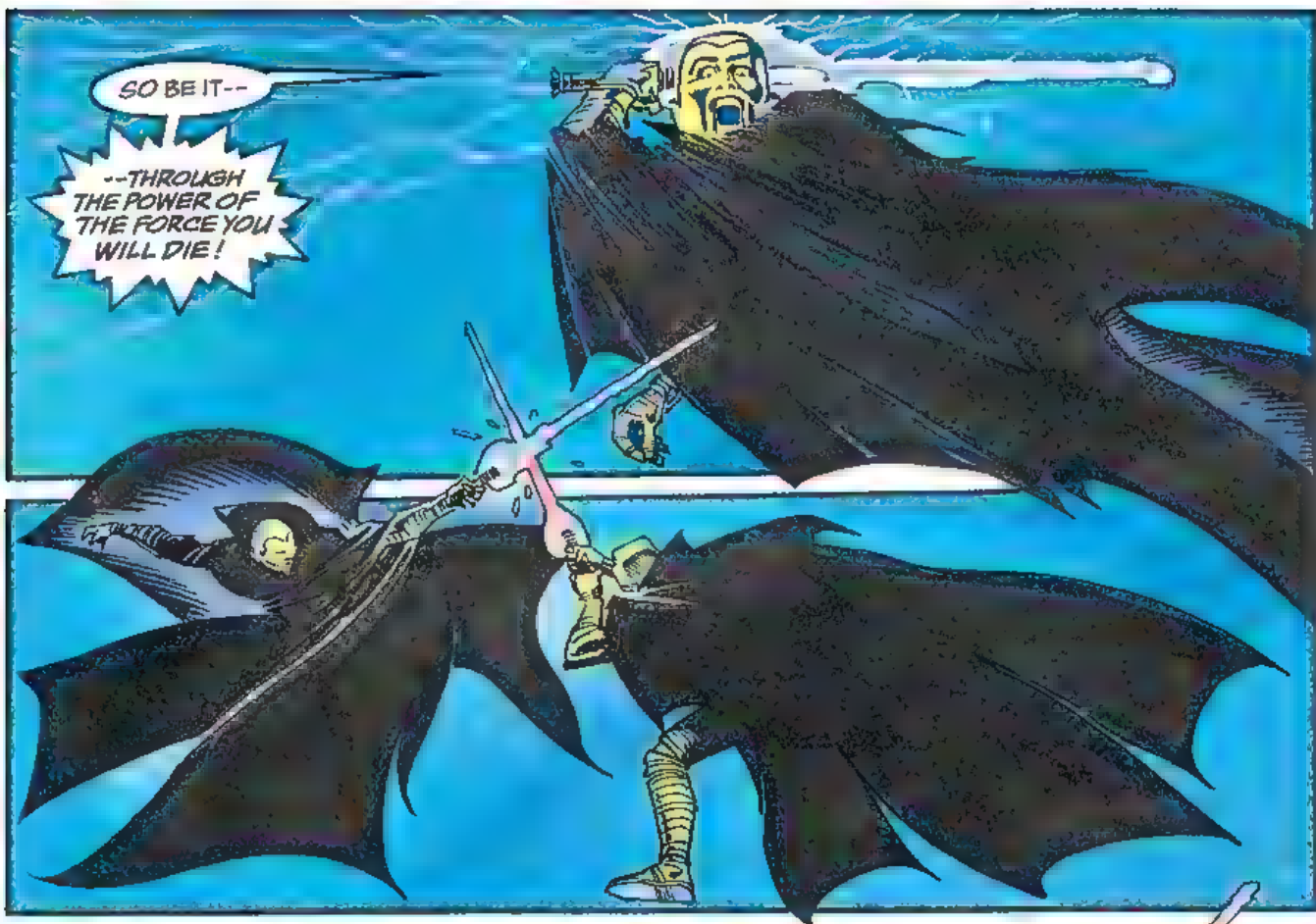
NO... I MADE A BIG MISTAKE... I THOUGHT I HAD TO SAVE THE GALAXY ALL BY MYSELF. BUT THE WAY OF THE JEDI IS **NOT** A SOLITARY PATH...

MANY HAVE DIED DEFENDING THE TRUTH... MANY ARE **TOGETHER** IN THIS GREAT WAR... **TOGETHER** IN THE **FORCE**!



MY ALLY IS THE **FORCE**. THROUGH THE STRENGTH OF THE **FORCE**, YOUR SHROUD OF EVIL HAS BEEN LIFTED FROM MY MIND.







NOW, YOUR HIGHNESS, WE WILL ESCORT YOU TO THE ALLIANCE BASE... YOU WILL BE INTERROGATED AND YOU WILL SURRENDER THE GALAXY TO THE NEW REPUBLIC!

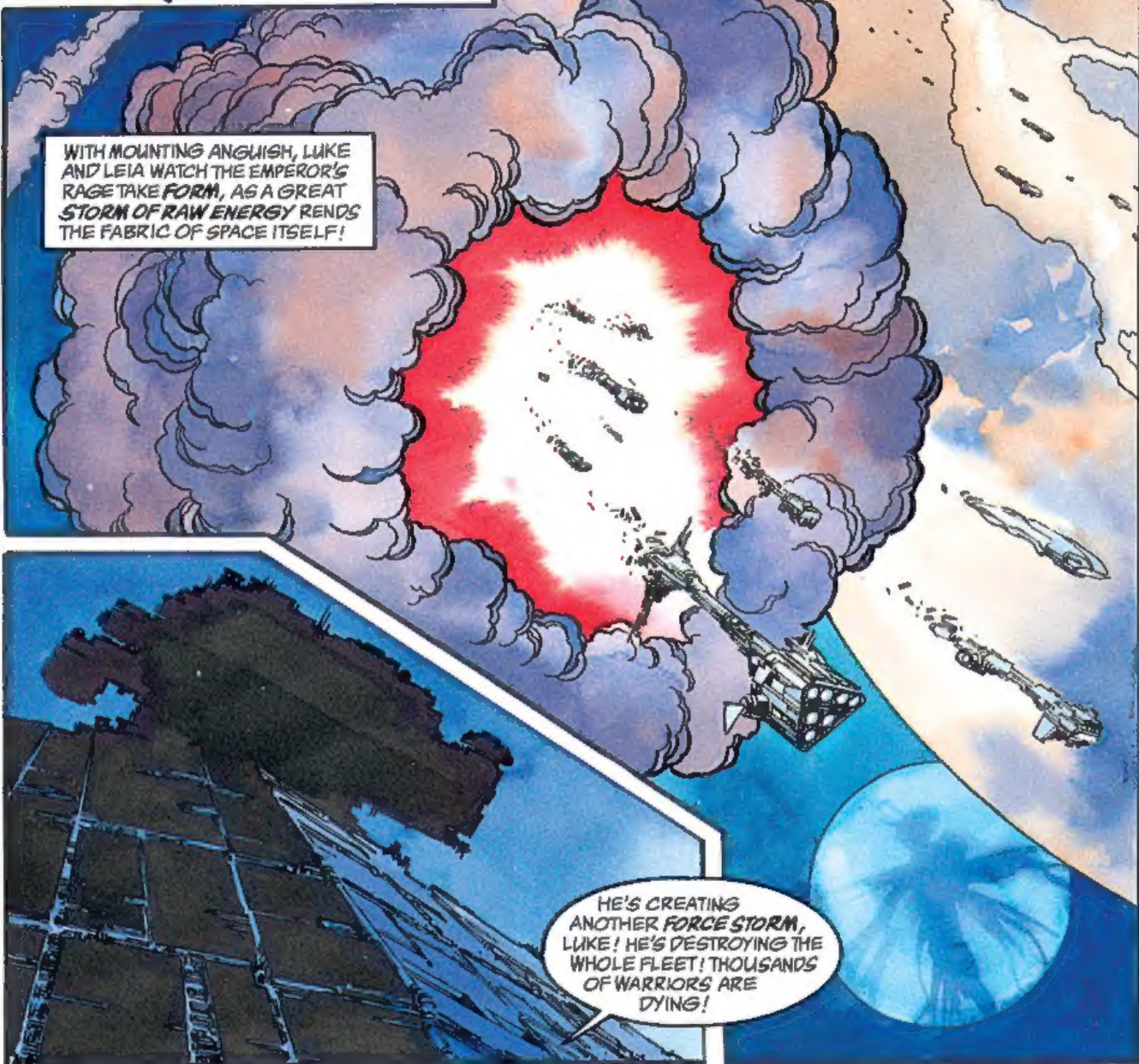
LOOK AT YOU-- DON'T THINK I DON'T KNOW YOUR PLAN--

--THE DARK SIDE HAS YOU... YOU INTEND TO RULE THE GALAXY IN MY PLACE!



BUT UTTER IMBECILE THAT YOU ARE, YOU HAVE STILL FAILED TO UNDERSTAND MY POWER...

...LOOK BELOW-- LOOK WHAT IS HAPPENING TO YOUR PITIFUL MOON!



WITH MOUNTING ANGUISH, LUKE AND LEIA WATCH THE EMPEROR'S RAGE TAKE FORM, AS A GREAT STORM OF RAW ENERGY RENDS THE FABRIC OF SPACE ITSELF!

HE'S CREATING ANOTHER FORCE STORM, LUKE! HE'S DESTROYING THE WHOLE FLEET! THOUSANDS OF WARRIORS ARE DYING!

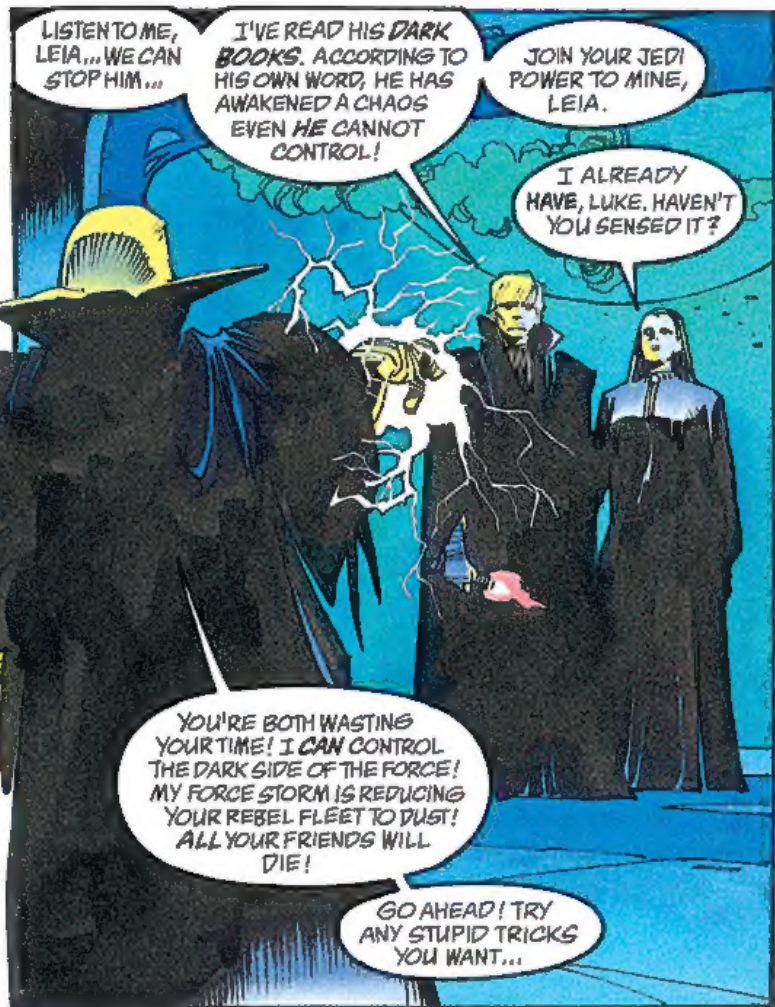




YESS! DID I NOT WARN YOU?

I'VE PLAYED ALONG WITH YOUR JEDI DUELING GAMES LONG ENOUGH! NOW YOU WILL EXPERIENCE MY FULL POTENCY...

I LIVE AS ENERGY... I AM THE DARK SIDE!



LISTEN TO ME, LEIA... WE CAN STOP HIM...

I'VE READ HIS DARK BOOKS. ACCORDING TO HIS OWN WORD, HE HAS AWAKENED A CHAOS EVEN HE CANNOT CONTROL!

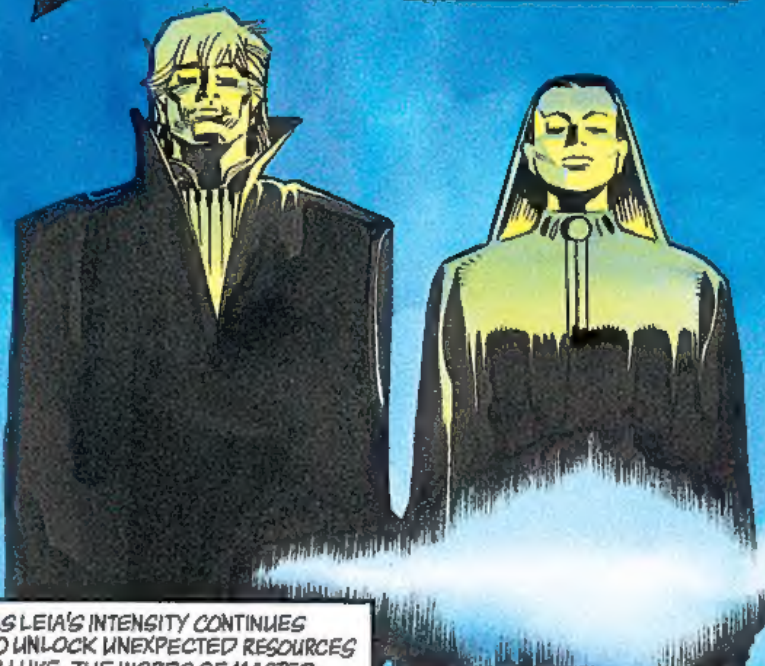
JOIN YOUR JEDI POWER TO MINE, LEIA.

I ALREADY HAVE, LUKE. HAVEN'T YOU SENSED IT?

YOU'RE BOTH WASTING YOUR TIME! I CAN CONTROL THE DARK SIDE OF THE FORCE! MY FORCE STORM IS REDUCING YOUR REBEL FLEET TO DUST! ALL YOUR FRIENDS WILL DIE!

GO AHEAD! TRY ANY STUPID TRICKS YOU WANT...

"TRY NOT, DO OR DO NOT... THERE IS NO TRY."



AS LEIA'S INTENSITY CONTINUES TO UNLOCK UNEXPECTED RESOURCES IN LUKE, THE WORDS OF MASTER YODA, SPOKEN YEARS BEFORE ON DAGOBAH, ECHO IN THE MINDS OF THESE TWIN JEDI--


"MY ALLY IS THE FORCE, AND A POWERFUL ALLY IT IS. LIFE CREATES IT AND MAKES IT GROW. ITS ENERGY SURROUNDS US AND BINDS US... LUMINOUS BEINGS ARE WE... NOT THIS CRUDE MATTER--"

"FEEL IT YOU MUST. FEEL THE FLOW. FEEL THE FORCE AROUND YOU, EVERYWHERE, WAITING TO BE FELT AND USED."



WITH THE POWER OF LUMINOUS BEINGS, BROTHER AND SISTER JEDI PRESS THE FORCE AROUND THE DARK NEXUS THAT IS EMPEROR PALPATINE...





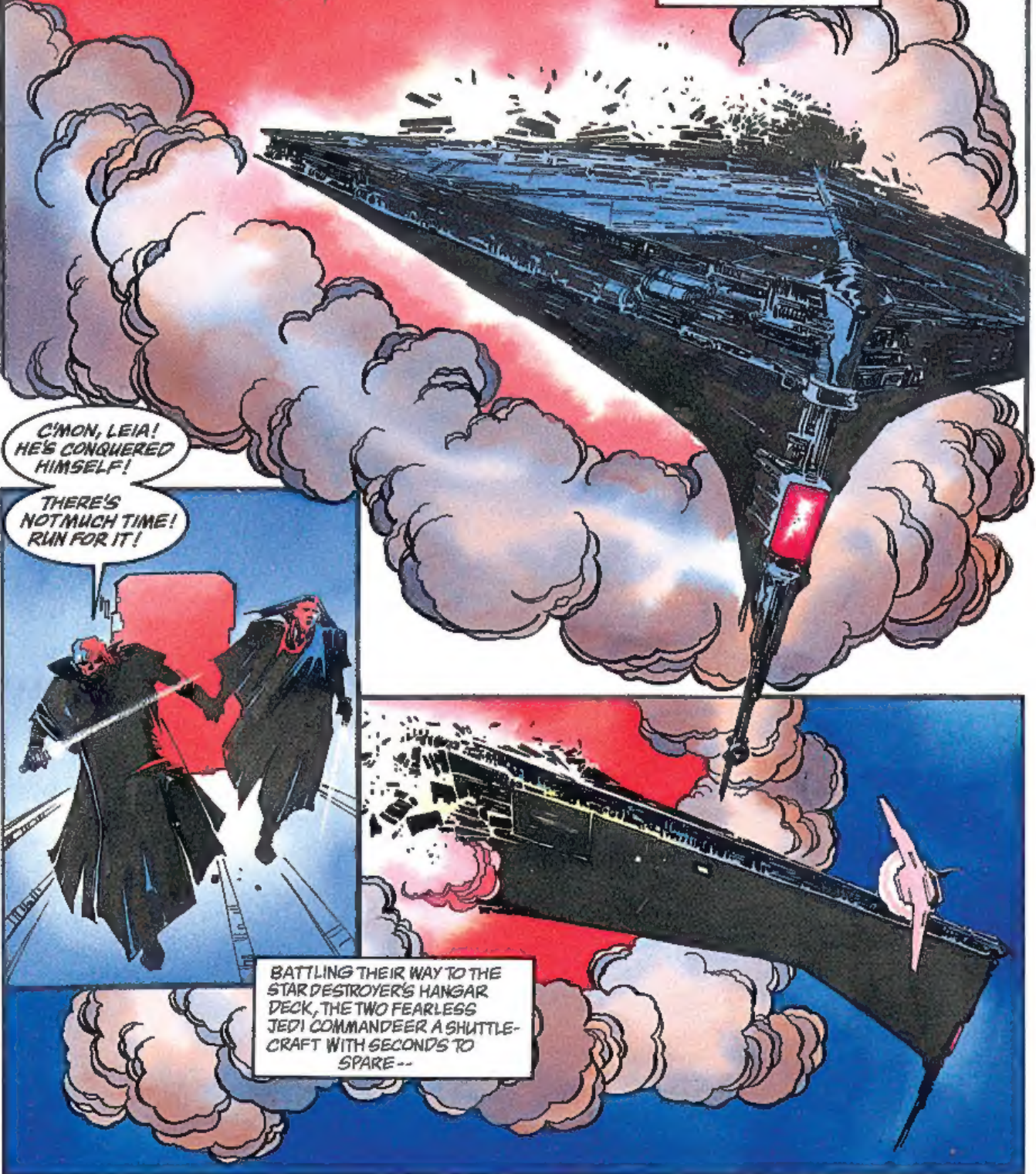
WITH ALL HIS HATRED FUNNELED INTO THE FORCE STORM, THE MALEVOLENT GENIUS IS CAUGHT OFF GUARD BY THE INVISIBLE WAVE OF LIFE ENERGY SURGING OVER HIM, SEPARATING HIM FROM HIS POWER--

ENVELOPED IN LIGHT, CUT OFF FROM HIS GREAT RAGE, THE EMPEROR FINDS HIMSELF UNABLE TO **CONTROL** THE DARK POWER HE HAS UNLEASHED--

--AND THE CATAclysmic **STORM** TURNS AGAINST ITS MAKER!

C'MON, LEIA! HE'S CONQUERED HIMSELF!

THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME! RUN FOR IT!



BATTLING THEIR WAY TO THE STAR DESTROYER'S HANGAR DECK, THE TWO FEARLESS JEDI COMMANDEER A SHUTTLE-CRAFT WITH SECONDS TO SPARE--



SAFELY CLEAR, LEIA AND LUKE  
WATCH THE DARK-SIDE STORM  
DEVOUR THE EMPEROR'S  
FLAGSHIP...AND THEN  
DISSIPATE IN THE VOID.

ONE JEDI CANNOT  
CONQUER THE DARK SIDE  
ALONE...I GUESS WE'VE  
PROVED THAT.

TOGETHER  
WE WERE A JEDI FIRE  
THAT OUTSHONE HIS  
EVIL.

TWO ARE MORE  
POWERFUL THAN ONE...  
THREE ARE MORE POWERFUL  
THAN TWO.

I FELT ANOTHER JOIN  
US, LUKE...MY THIRD CHILD.  
HE'S GOING TO BE A VERY  
GREAT JEDI.

YOUR CHILDREN...THE  
HOLOCRON...

THIS IS  
THE BEGINNING,  
LEIA--

--I FEEL IT.  
GREAT THINGS ARE  
COMING.

THE JEDI  
KNIGHTS WILL RISE  
AGAIN.

THE END